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Clare gets parking ticket shock after she leaves her for repairs

A MOTORIST who left her car at a Dudley garage for repairs was slapped with a parking fine and hounded by debt collectors after a mechanic drove it to his bank and picked up a ticket.

Clare Griffiths was forced to pay out £198. She paid the amount to get a debt collection agency off her back after the garage worker was given a parking ticket on a pub car park in Kingswinford.

But Miss Griffiths, of Halesowen, has received an apology from the garage and a promise of her money back. A bouquet of flowers has also been dispatched.

Tim Barnes, retail operator for T Wall

Garages in Pensnett, said the mechanic in question no longer worked for the firm. He said: "I am ashamed and disappointed that this happened."

"It's a fair cop and we would have disciplined the technician if he had still been with us - but he has left our employment."

Harassed

"I have written a letter of apology to the customer and we will refund their costs."

"I am also sending her a bouquet of flowers and have created a £100 credit for her to spend at T Wall."

Miss Griffiths, aged 31, of Beecher Street, Colley Gate, finally paid £198 two

weeks ago because she was upset at being "harassed" by debt collectors.

Miss Griffiths, an accounts assistant and mother of a three-year-old son, Oliver, took her Ford Focus to T Wall Garages for repairs on May 24 and she collected it at 5pm that day.

But, in July, she discovered a debt collection agency was chasing her at her old address for payment of a parking ticket that had been issued at 4.20pm on May 24 on the car park at the Arizona Crossing pub.

"I was appalled that my vehicle had been taken out and left on a public house car park," said Miss Griffiths.



Clare Griffiths ... hounded by debt collectors

Top Church under threat of closing

Seven churches in Dudley are facing closure as current fundraising efforts are "not enough" to keep them running.

The Diocese of Worcester challenged communities to step up to the plate if they want to keep the buildings - including the landmark Top Church - open in the face of shrinking congregations and £1.12 million of urgent repair work.

Andrew Mottram, the diocese's heritage buildings officer, helped organise a public consultation which ended last week.

"All seven church communities in the Dudley Group are already committed to increasing use of the buildings and are doing significant fundraising themselves," he said. "However, all these efforts are not enough to meet the financial cost of keeping the church buildings open and their ministry running."

The churches are: St Thomas & St Luke (Top Church) and nearby St Edmunds Church, St Francis Church in Poplar Crescent, St Barnabas in Middlepark Road, St James the Great in Eve Hill, St Augustine of Hippo in Stourbridge Road, and St John's in Kates Hill.

Five quizzed over murder of carpenter

Five people have been arrested in connection with the murder of a Dudley man who died on New Year's Day more than 18 months after being attacked. The suspects were being held over the death of trainee carpenter Ismaeel Rehman, aged 22, who lived in Surrey Road, Woodside.

Three men in their 20s were arrested on suspicion of murder and two women - one in her mid 20s and the other in her late teens - have been held on suspicion of perverting the course of justice.

Mr Rehman was in intensive care for more than six weeks with severe head injuries after being beaten up and left in the street in Telford in July 2009.

He collapsed and died at a relative's house on January 1 this year. Pathological tests revealed he died of post traumatic epilepsy that could be traced back to his injuries. Mr Rehman, a former pupil at Dudley's Holly Hall School and a keen basketball player, underwent extensive rehabilitation to enable him to speak again after the attack. All three men were arrested in Telford on Tuesday.

Blaze safety alert

Firefighters have issued a safety warning following a spate of small fires being started by teenagers in Dudley woodland. Crews have been called out every night during the past week to Wren's Nest Nature Reserve on the Wren's Nest estate. Teenagers have been lighting fires to keep warm while sitting in the woods. Dudley fire station watch commander Mark Smith said the fires posed a safety risk and is reminding youngsters of the dangers of starting fires.

Doctorate honour for nurse

A consultant nurse in Dudley has been awarded her doctorate from the University of the West of England.

Dr Gail Parsons received her doctorate for her studies into how patients manage their pain while preparing for hip and knee replacement surgery.

Gail, who joined the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust in 1979 as an orthopaedic nurse, was formerly awarded her doctorate at a graduation ceremony at Bristol Cathedral.

"I feel elated and really proud that I've been able to make a real difference to our T&O patients," said Dr Parsons, who in the trauma and orthopaedics department.

"There's a huge sense of personal satisfaction in completing a large piece of work," she added.

"It makes me especially happy to know the team who took part in the study can share the achievement with me."

Cracker of fair planned

A Christmas fair is being held at St Peter's Church, Upper Gornal on Saturday. It has a Christmas cracker theme and will include stalls, tombola and a grand draw.

Santa will be in his grotto at 11.30am and 1.30pm, with the whole event running from 10.30am-2.30pm. Entry is 25p and the church is based on Kent Street.

TOUGH ACTION OVER PARKING

Musicians get into the festive swing

A music group from Brierley Hill is gearing up for its first big Christmas concert at a Stourbridge church next month.

Musicians from Thorns Community Music Group have been busy rehearsing songs that they hope will provide an extra special start to the festive season.

Christmas carols, seasonal favourites and songs from the shows will all be performed at Chawn Hill Church on Wednesday December 7.

Tickets, which need to be booked in advance, cost £2.50 and will include a glass of wine and a mince pie.

Pride

Bobby Johnson is the group's band leader who has been a professional musician for more than 60 years.

He said: "We are all bursting with pride with what we have achieved over the last year and are looking forward to performing everything from show songs to Christmas sing-along favourites. This will be our first big Christmas concert as a performing band and are all really excited about sharing our music, we might even inspire a few new members to come and join us."

The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings at



Making merry music, from left: Michaela Vallance, from Hagley, Bobby Johnson and Roger Mantle, from Stourbridge, and Adrian Barrett, from Kingswinford

Thorns Community College, Stockwell Road, Brierley Hill from 7-9pm. The group is already 30 strong but is still welcoming new members who own and play a wind instrument and can read music.

To book tickets for the concert email bobbyjohnson@talktalk.net or call 01384 394501.

Nuisance parkers clogging up residential streets across Dudley borough will face heavy enforcement fines under new plans to introduce parking permits.

Residents say they are "fed up" of struggling to find a space outside their own home and have started a petition calling on Dudley Council to take action.

Borough transport chiefs have revealed they are looking into introducing permits in town centres and around busy spots such as hospitals and schools to help stop workers and shoppers exploiting free parking areas.

Ward councillor for Kingswinford, Denise Harley, said the majority of calls she received were from angry residents complaining about parking.

"People that work in the High Street park along the side streets all day, as well as shoppers who don't want to pay 40p to park in a car park," she said.

"There's nowhere for residents to park. They are now getting together a petition as they are fed up of this going on. It's a real problem."

Council cabinet member for transport Councillor Patrick Harley said previous quotes would have seen residents forced to pay hundreds of pounds to park outside their own home, but said he was now hoping to copy the system used by

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Birmingham City Council, where each house can buy a £15 permit plus a £30 permit for each additional car.

"We need to work out how they do it so cheaply. It may be that enforcement fines for motorists parking without a permit helps to subsidise it," he said.

"If we have to subsidise it ourselves it just won't be possible, but if it is feasible then we should certainly look at trialling it."

He said the trial would most likely be in Kingswinford, in roads including Broad Street, Park Street and Summer Street which lead off from the High Street and often become blocked with parked cars.

If successful, it would be rolled out to other areas such as Russells Hall, where residents are in the midst of a long-running battle to rid the side streets around the hospital of staff and patients who can't find a space in the car park.

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Pledge to workers over jobs

Bosses at a budget electrical firm in Merry Hill that is due to close down said they were "absolutely confident" they would be able to relocate the majority of staff.

One hundred workers at Best Buy are waiting to find out if they will be given jobs elsewhere. The branch is expected to shut by the end of the year. The company is holding a consultation with workers at the Merry Hill store to see what posts are available for them across the Midlands.

The branch, which sells products ranging from electric plugs to laptops, only opened in Dudley last year.

Retailer Carphone Warehouse, which owns Best Buy, will shut the branches across the country.

Shane Conway, spokesman for Best Buy, said: "It is our intention to close the stores by the end of the year."

"We are now in a consultation process with our employees and we are absolutely confident we will be able to redeploy the majority of our staff in other stores."

The announcement of the closures came as bosses unveiled poor half-year results. It made a loss of £62 million in its first year and another loss of £47m in just the first half of 2011. The business invested heavily in promotion but the brand suffered more losses. The closure of the stores will not mean an end of the Best Buy Europe joint venture. Bosses will instead concentrate on selling through Carphone Warehouse stores.

Safety tips to help elderly

A new safety scheme will be launched in Halesowen this month to help older people feel safe and secure in the community.

The living well, feeling safe scheme provides practical safety, security and wellbeing advice for older people.

Staff will be visiting homes in the Short Cross area of Halesowen from November 23 to November 25.

Free assessments will be offered where advice is provided on home safety and security.

A drop in service will also be available at Short Cross Methodist Church, Attwood Street, until Friday November 25, starting at 9.30am until 3pm.

Home safety and security equipment can be fitted and home and personal alarms will be offered. The service can be contacted on 01384 817743.

Town mayor will open charity fair

The Mayor of Kidderminster, Councillor Ann Hingley, will open a charity fair at the Unitarian New Meeting House in the town's Church Street on November 26.

A street organ, as well as tombola and the sale of books, toys, games, jewellery and odds and ends, will be among the attractions.

The event will be open from 10.30am to 2.30pm and most of the proceeds will go to the Maggs Centre for the Homeless in Worcester.

Sell-off plan for site

The site where Coseley Baths once stood is likely to be sold off on its own, say council chiefs. The baths were controversially closed in August 2009 because they needed urgent repairs to make the roof safe and other work.

The building in Pear Tree Lane was knocked down the following March and since then officials working for the local authority have been holding talks to consider whether to acquire

land on the edge of the site to create space that could be used for a larger development. But it has now been revealed that option is unlikely to go ahead. Instead bosses are looking to draw up an "appropriate marketing strategy" for the land.

Over the last few months the land has been used for car parking by contractors working on a nearby £4.5 million retirement village.

Man given road ban

A man has been banned from driving after he took his mother's car without her consent, a court heard. Hassan Ali only had a provisional licence and was not insured to drive her Honda Jazz when he was seen by police.

The 19-year-old computer software engineer was also found with cannabis in the car when officers caught him in Long Lane, Hale-

sowen, on November 8. Ali, of Springfield Road, Halesowen, pleaded guilty to the driving charges and to possession of a class B drug at Dudley Magistrates Court last week.

He was banned from driving for 18 months and fined £200.

Ali was also fined £400 for having no insurance, £100 for no licence and £100 for possessing cannabis with £85 court costs.

People win mail box fight

Three hundred residents who joined a campaign to get a post box reinstated in Amblesote have won their battle after Royal Mail announced a u-turn on the decision.

People claimed the removal of the post box in Vicarage Road made life difficult for pensioners. Royal Mail officials made the announcement last week, just as campaigners were about to submit a 300-name petition calling for it to be brought back. It was removed from the road in September and left residents, many of them elderly, facing a mile-long trek to the next nearest box.

Royal Mail bosses said it had been removed when the telegraph pole it was attached to was replaced. At the time there were no plans to replace it.

But officials said a new, free-standing, pedestal box would now be installed once a suitable site had been found.

Councillor Pat Martin said the decision was "welcome news" but residents still planned to send the petition they had raised to Royal Mail.

"Removal of this box has created a major problem especially for elderly people in this area," she said.

Royal Mail spokesman Mike Norman said: "We would like to apologise to customers in the area following the removal of the post box on Vicarage Road. It is our intention to replace this box... once a suitable site has been identified in the vicinity."

Fairtraders set up stall

Fairtrade campaigners are setting up their first ever grand sale at Kidderminster Town Hall's Corn Exchange to make the most of the Christmas rush.

The November 26 event will be opened at 10am by TV presenter Michael Collyer, who is patron of the Kidderminster Fairtrade Group.

A large selection of Fairtrade jewellery, crafts, toys, cards, clothes, bags and food will be on sale until 4pm. There will also be freshly-made tea, coffee, filled rolls and cakes. Organisers Alison Burton and Clare Cassidy are hoping people will make it a Fairtrade Christmas, snapping up gifts and festive treats.

"There have been sales before, but this is our first at the town hall."

"We are hoping to reach a wider market for Fairtrade goods because they are good quality and give a fair wage to those who produce them," said Mrs Burton.

Cabaret to raise cash for diabetes

A cabaret and dance evening will be held at Kidderminster Town Hall on November 25, from 7.30pm-12am.

Comper Dave Wilkins will introduce a line-up which includes saxophonist Sam Paget, comedian Rob Beech, singers Crystal Rose and Rose Hutton.

All proceeds will go to Diabetes UK. Tickets priced £6 are available on 01562 68649 or at the town hall.

Thieves steal nine puppies and mother

Nine newborn lurcher puppies and their mother have been stolen from their home in Upper Gornal – just one week after police foiled thieves who took two of the litter.

Devastated owner and mother-of-two Jeanette Manley, aged 46, said the puppies were only five weeks old and she was terrified about what might happen to the dogs and their mother, 18-month-old Tia.

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More time to have say over cuts

People in Dudley are being given more time to have their say on council plans to slash £12 million from its budget in the years running through to 2014.

Council chiefs have begun drawing up plans to save £8m in 2012/2013 and £4m in 2013/2014 and want to hear views from locals in an online consultation via the authority's website. The consultation had been due to come to an end earlier this month but bosses say they have given people more time to put forward their thoughts.

Bosses have revealed so far around 60 comments have been made on the plans.

Leader of the council, councillor Les Jones, said: "Although we had initially put a finish date on the consultation, on consideration a few days after we launched it, we removed that date as we want to give people as long as possible to have their say on the budget proposals."

"Over the last month we have had around 60 comments made online and I hope more people will take the opportunity to get involved and have their say in the budget making process before final decisions are taken next March."

Priorities

Councillor Jones added: "It is very important to us that we understand what peoples' priorities are and we want to hear residents' views. Setting these budget proposals has been extremely difficult but we are confident that we have identified savings which will maintain a high quality of service to borough residents."

This year, Dudley Council made £22m of cuts, axing more than 400 staff posts.

Proposals on the table for next year so far include the introduction of new roadside parking charges in Dudley and Stourbridge, where shoppers can currently park for free for up to two hours.

The council also plans to increase bereavement service costs. Other cuts include axing the three town centre manager roles, saving £141,000, and cutting the grant to the Black Country Living Museum.

Police confirmed they had launched an investigation into the thefts of the pets.

"We came home and found that one of the posts on the dog pen had been jemmied out of the ground, and all the puppies had gone," said Mrs Manley, of Vale Street, Upper Gornal.

"I really want to get them back. We've had Tia since she was eight weeks old and I'm really worried they will just dump her and sell off the puppies."

"You don't know what kind of home they are going into – it's very distressing," she added.

Earlier this month, the family had a nasty shock when two of the puppies went missing following a visit from a man claiming to be a prospective buyer – but within two days police had tracked them down.

Surprise

The dogs belong to Mrs Manley's son Elliott, 20, and she said the pregnancy had been a surprise.

The breed can be used as working dogs, which made them popular and puppies could sell for up to £200 each, she added. It is thought the theft occurred between 11am and 1pm on November 13.

The thieves left behind the family's other pet, a four-year-old collie-greyhound cross called Zip.

West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said: "We are looking into the theft of nine lurcher puppies and one adult dog."

"We are also aware there was a similar incident reported on November 6 of two puppies being stolen," he added.

"We managed to find and return them, however there were no arrests made."

Anyone with information is urged to contact police on 101 or K9 Search UK on 07988 433187.

Pigeons pull in the pounds



Sean Wolohan and children Sienna, five, and Shay, nine, with Pat the Pigeon

A father-of-two from Sedgley has raised more than £2,600 with a charity sale of racing pigeons.

Meat trader Sean Wolohan, who runs Black Country Auctions in his spare time, split the cash £1,375 each between Compton Hospice and Acorns Children's Hospice by selling off donated racing birds.

"I did a similar thing five years ago and managed to raise £1,700 for Acorns, so I decided to go for it again," said Mr Wolohan, of Hyde Park Crescent, who works for Meat and Livestock Commercial Services Ltd.

"I spent a few months asking people across the country for donations of

stock pigeons, and held two sales with 10 pigeons each.

"They are very popular at this time of year as people will try to breed and get ready in time for racing season, which is between April and September. I'm really pleased with what we have managed to raise."

He said the most expensive pigeon, a Brockcamp breed, had sold for £350. "Every year a different breed becomes more popular, and this year was the Brockcamp. I was lucky to get one donated," he said.

"I've always been interested in racing pigeons." He plans another pigeon sale in March.

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Youth unemployment hits 1m

Youth unemployment is at a record high of 1.2 million, with more than 16 to 24-year-olds out of work than at any time since 1992.

It includes 286,000 people in full-time education looking for part-time work. The figure announced last week is the highest total since comparable records began 19 years ago.

The grim news came as overall unemployment rose by 129,000 to 2.62 million in the three months to September.

— its highest total since 1994 — although jobless queues were a little shorter in Dudley last month.

Throughout the West Midlands, unemployment rose by 10,000 to 234,000. It means that 8.9 per cent of people in the region are out of work, compared with a national rate of 8.3 per cent.

The data from the Office for National Statistics also showed a 5,300 increase in the number of people claiming job-seeker's allowance, to 1.6 million.

The figures differ because not everyone classed as unemployed is eligible for the allowance.

But in much of the region, claimant count fell. In Dudley the number on job-seeker's allowance fell by 60 to 9,989 or 5.2 per cent of the working population — the national rate is 3.9 per cent. In Kidderminster and Wyre Forest it was down 62 to 2,217 — or 3.6 per cent — while in South Staffordshire it was down 37 to 1,831 or 2.7 per cent.

Homes plan for former station site

The former Sedgley Fire Station will be reduced to rubble under new plans for six homes on the site.

Knarsboro Homes, which bought the base earlier this year, has submitted an application for planning permission to demolish the premises.

The developer said work on the three-storey houses would begin in the new year. The old station in Tipton Road was shut down in November 2008 despite a public protest. It was

put on the market by West Midlands Fire Service in May this year.

The fire service was granted outline planning permission submitted for the eight homes on the site by Dudley Council in April.

Elaine Trevis, from Knarsboro Homes, said the developer would be building six three-storey homes.

"They will have four bedrooms and three bathrooms. We will be on site as soon as we can next year," she added.

An application to demolish the former fire station has been lodged with Dudley Council.

West Midlands Fire Service revealed last year they were going to sell the station. A protest group collected a 12,000 name petition in a bid to persuade fire chiefs to re-think their decision to shut the base. Figures released by the service in 2010 showed the site cost £15,000 a year in rates, security fees, repairs and maintenance.

MP's bid on petrol pricing

A Midland MP has written to supermarkets and petrol stations in his constituency complaining that fuel prices are much higher than neighbouring areas.

Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier raised the issue in parliament during a debate on the rising cost of fuel.

He said he has written to Sainsbury's, Tesco and Exxon Mobile, asking why their petrol prices are so high in Kidderminster compared to other areas.

He said Sainsbury's in Rookery Street, Wolverhampton was charging 129.9p per litre of unleaded petrol, on the same day Sainsbury's Kidderminster on Carpet Traders Way was charging 135.9p per litre.

In his letter Mr Garnier wrote: "I am very much aware that, owing to a number of factors, the current price of oil is incredibly high."

"I also understand that the impact of such factors will inevitably filter down to the pockets of my constituents. However, please could you explain why your outlets are charging up to five pence more per litre in Kidderminster when the distance between these petrol stations is less than 20 miles?" He is awaiting a response.

Free timer switches

West Mercia Police is giving out timer switches to residents with the aim of reducing the risk of house burglaries during the autumn and winter months.

Local policing team across Worcestershire has been given the switches to hand out to people most at risk of being burgled.

Officers said using figures from the past few years they had identified the most vulnerable communities and would be handing out the switches in those areas.

Detective Chief Inspector Alan Edwards said: "Taking simple steps such as using a timer switch can significantly lower the chances of being a victim of crime."

Timer switches are available from most DIY stores, priced at around £5.

Police break up drugs cartel worth £750,000

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A Class A drug dealing cartel worth more than £750,000 in a year has been smashed by police and 15 members have started prison sentences of up to 10 years.

The sentences at Birmingham Crown Court followed a three-year investigation into a network operating around Cape Hill, Smethwick, which was mainly peddling heroin.

Police said the offenders were using two mobile phones that were receiving up to 4,000 calls a month about deals. Officers then seized phones involved in deals, £40,000 cash, firearms, ammunition and four cars.

The sentences can be reported for the first time after legal restrictions were lifted following the final conviction.

Police began investigating the cartel in May 2009 under the banner of Operation Eliminate. The following year, officers raided homes around Cape Hill, Edgbaston, West Bromwich and Handsworth Wood, in a series of dawn swoops reported in the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star. A number of people were arrested and 16 men, with ages ranging from 21 to 45, have subsequently been convicted of conspiring to supply Class A drugs in Smethwick.

Suspended

Fifteen of the men later received jail terms, with one suspended sentence. Thirteen defendants were sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court — 12 had previously entered guilty pleas. Rajid Hussain, aged 29, and from Smethwick, pleaded not guilty but was found guilty following a trial earlier this year. He was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment last week.

One of the men, Assam Ali, aged 23 and from Smethwick, pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to supply Class A in June. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in July, however his case can only be reported now.

DCI Paul Betts, from Sandwell Police, said: "This lengthy and thorough investigation was brought about thanks to significant support we received from our communities."

"The sentences reflect the seriousness of Sandwell Police's determination to rid the borough of drug dealing."

"The operation was conducted in partnership with Sandwell Council, was months in the planning, and in direct response to matters raised by residents of Sandwell. These men are serving jail terms that total almost 70 years between them, which is hugely significant in our fight on illegal drugs."



Rajid Hussain, 29



Assam Ali, 23



Majid Hussain, 29



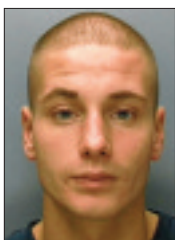
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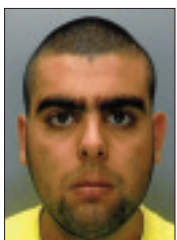
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The sentences handed out to gang members in Smethwick

Rajid Hussain, of New Hope Road, Smethwick — 10 years.

Assam Ali, of Marshall Street, Smethwick — five years.

Majid Hussain, of Brisbane Road, Smethwick — seven-and-a-half years.

Khair Arab, of Barleycorn Drive, Smethwick — five years.

Jafar Khan, of York Road, Handsworth — five years.

Jatinder Purewal, of Temple Way, Tividale — four years eight months plus 12 months concurrent.

Harbinder Johal, of Wilson Road, Bearwood — four years eight months.

Jibbran Ahmed, of Durban Road, Smethwick — four years.

Mazaffar Hussain, of Park Hill Road, Smethwick — three years and four months.

Iblayl Asghar, of Pargeter Road, Smethwick — three years and four months plus 12 months concurrent.

Zaeed Hussain, of Park Hill Road, Smethwick — three years.

Bartosz Zamorski, of Maynard Road, Edgbaston — three years.

Waleed Ali, of New Hope Road, Smethwick — two years eight months.

Methab Ahmed, of Pargeter Road, Smethwick — two years six months.

Mark Johnson, of Richmond Hill, Oldbury — two years 20 weeks.

Mohammed Arshad, of Smethwick, — 12-months suspended.

Work on centre begins

A vocational centre being built on the site of a former fire station in the Black Country is starting to take shape with construction of a metal frame under way.

Work started on the centre, in Tower Street, Dudley, in February and is expected to open to students next September.

It forms part of a £30 million university-style campus scheme by Dudley College to create a new learning quarter.

The centre, called Dudley Evolve, will house state-of-the-art learning facilities for business, information technology and travel and tourism students. The building will also be open for community use including a gym, sports hall, hair salon and 180-seat theatre.

As part of the design, the new building will incorporate the facade of the former fire station which was based along the street for many years.

Concert at town hall

Members of Kidderminster Choral Society are tuning up for their latest show which will take place this month.

They will be giving a performance of two works from the 18th century, the Magnificat by CPE Bach, and the Mass in Time of War by Haydn.

The concert takes place on November 26 at Kidderminster Town Hall.

Conducted by Geoffrey Weaver, the society's musical director, it will feature soloists Susannah Vango, Martha McLorinan, Peter Davoren and Nicholas Perfect with accompaniment from Marcus Huxley and The Elgar Sinfonia. For tickets call 01562 60112.

Police praise

West Mercia Police has been praised for its attempts to reduce its energy costs.

This week it was revealed that the force had been placed second out of 24 in the Environment Agency's energy efficiency scheme.

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Vandal is handed can ban

A graffiti vandal has been banned from carrying spray cans and marker pens around the streets of Halesowen and faces detention if he does not comply.

Creagan Piesley, aged 18, carried out a "spree of criminal damage", Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

He was handed a two-year criminal anti-social behaviour order, known as a crasbo, by District Judge Graham Wilkinson. "You have reached a decisive point in your life where you can either grow up and respect people's property or go to prison," the judge said.

The court heard how Piesley, of King Street, Halesowen, stole spray paint cans from Wilkinsons in the town centre before targeting the wall of a Dudley Council-owned property.

District Judge Wilkinson said: "This Crasbo is necessary to protect the public from further harm from you. It does harm to private property and it can be an upsetting situation to find graffiti on your property and to have to pay for it to be cleaned."

Taxpayer

"If it is on public property it is the local taxpayer footing the bill. I know you think of yourself as some sort of urban artist but it's time you started respecting people's property which you have no right to touch."

He added that if police caught Piesley with any spray cans or marker pens around the town in the next two years, he will be brought back before the courts for a greater punishment. Piesley pleaded guilty to shoplifting and criminal damage.

He will also serve a 12-month community order concurrently for the two offences and a three-month curfew between 7pm and 5am. He will also pay £100 costs.

Mr Barry Sealeaf, prosecuting, said Piesley had been caught on CCTV in the Wilkinsons store stealing six aerosol spray cans worth £30.10 with another male on July 13.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending, said his client was prepared to cooperate with his punishment.

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Two held over drugs

Two men have been arrested after police seized drugs during a raid in Kidderminster. Officers executed a warrant at the address in Walter Nash Road.

Eight cannabis plants were discovered with cocaine and ecstasy, a large quantity of cash and growing and measuring equipment. The two men were arrested on suspicion of possessing class A and B drugs with

intent to supply and money laundering. They were released on police bail until February 10, 2012.

Pc Ian Carter of West Mercia Police said: "We continue to take strong action against anyone involved in production, use and supply of drugs. "Anyone who suspects drugs are being produced or supplied in their area is asked to call police as soon as possible with any information."

Scout with a cheeky smile earns a bronze

A brave teenager whose "cheeky smile" hides the pain of a crippling illness has been awarded a top scouting medal for his courage. Explorer scout Ben Hart, aged 16, of Pedmore, Stourbridge, has earned the Medal for Meritorious Conduct.

The award, which is the second highest in scouting, is in recognition of his "strength and determination" despite him suffering from a debilitating health condition. The medal was presented to him by Paul Wong, who is West Mercia county scout commissioner.

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Brave - explorer scout Ben Hart with the Medal of Meritorious Conduct

Replacement play gear on way to children's area

New swings, slides and a climbing wall have been ordered to replace equipment stolen by metal thieves from a children's play area in Halesowen.

The play equipment was cut down by thieves on August 30 at the play area at The Leasowes. "Two swings, two slides, a climbing wall and a chain bridge were taken during the raid at the site just off Mucklow Hill. Borough bosses believe the equipment may have been taken to be sold on for scrap."

Councillor David Stanley of Dudley Council said: "Replacement equipment has now been ordered, but we don't yet have a date for installation." In September gangs of youths were banned from gathering at The Leasowes.

Ben was diagnosed with the bone condition Perthes' Disease at the age of five and began his scouting life as a beaver scout a year later.

He moved up through the ranks, even though his mobility was at times heavily restricted, having to use crutches or a wheelchair, and he has undergone operations over the years.

Ben said: "It is a true honour to receive this award. Without my friends in scouting supporting me, I would not have been able to keep going and achieve what I have."

After moving from his former home in Oxfordshire, Ben joined the 17th Stourbridge Pedmore St. Peter's troop in September 2009.

Expedition

When he moved to the Explorer Scout Unit, he volunteered to stay on with Pedmore Scout Group as a young leader.

He started his bronze Duke of Edinburgh award in October 2009, completing the practice hikes and the pre-expedition hike and was planning to do his expedition in September.

He started work on his silver award in January, completing all the practice walks and the pre-expedition hike and was planning to do his expedition in September.

After his condition worsened in June and he was diagnosed with osteochondritis, he thought he would be unable to complete the expeditions. But it has now been organised for him at a centre in the Forest of Dean.

Explorer scout leader Mike Randle said: "Ben takes on challenges like he does everything else - with grit, determination and a cheeky smile that hides any pain he is suffering."

Keeping safe in winter

Organisations in Worcestershire are helping residents prepare for winter with advice on a website.

Worcestershire County Council with other groups, including Age UK and Worcestershire Fire and Rescue Service, is giving advice on staying warm and healthy.

The information, which includes details on how to get funding and advice on winter fuel payments, is

now available at www.warmerworcestershire.com

Councillor Anthony Blagg said: "As it gets colder and darker, it's inevitable we all spend more time indoors staying as cosy as possible."

"Residents may want to take additional measures to keep warm such as heaters, candles, and open fires but these may bring an increased risk of fire into the home."

Talks on future of old pub

Negotiations are taking place over the future of a 190-year-old pub on the edge of the Black Country which has stood empty for four years.

The Prince of Wales, in Hagley, near Stourbridge, closed in 2007 and despite interest from several parties no development has taken place. But officials from the Highways Agency, which owns the site, revealed they were now in negotiations over the site. They refused to reveal the name of the interested party or what the site could be used for.

While discussions are taking place the agency said no contracts had yet been signed over the pub and its surrounding land.

A deal to turn the site into a housing development was expected to be tied up within a "few months" earlier this year, but it failed to materialise.

The brother and sister of the pub's late landlord Peter Smith also expressed interest in buying it.

But Patricia Payne, 69, and Robert Montgomery, 67, said restrictions on the sale by the Highways Agency bled away the interest from potential buyers. Highways Agency officials said it was not known when negotiations would be completed but talks were continuing.

The 190-year-old pub was purchased by the agency in 1993 as part of plans to create a bypass along the A449 and A456, but fell through and the pub was declared surplus.

Online service is welcomed

A Dudley MP has welcomed the start of a new online scheme to help businesses seek information and support.

The launch of the new businesslink.gov.uk online services at the start of Global Entrepreneurship Week has been welcomed by Chris Kelly, MP for Dudley South. He says it provides a single point of contact for businesses and start-ups seeking high-quality information and support on issues such as how best to set up a new business.

Mr Kelly said: "We need to do everything that we can to help entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses - and create jobs for local people here in Dudley South and the Black Country. That is why this new business support package is so important."

"Information is available online and over the telephone, complemented by practical help from thousands of volunteer business mentors."

Prince will open school arts centre

Prince Edward is to unveil a new performing arts centre at a school. The Earl of Wessex will visit Winterfold House School, Chaddesley Corbett on December 1.

He will speak to children and staff, before being treated to a drama display and two short performances by the school's choir and orchestra.

He will then officially open the centre and unveil a plaque commemorating the occasion.

Dr Who treat for fan Alex



Alexandra Westwood is walked to school by a Cyberman from Doctor Who

It was a dream come true for avid Doctor Who fan Alexandra Westwood when she was walked to school by a Cyberman. The 10-year-old from Halesowen was taken to her lessons at Huntingtree Primary School by one of the Doctor's biggest enemies from the cult television show.

Alexandra had her wish granted by the Wishing Well charity, based at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. She had spent time on the children's ward

after an ear operation in September.

Steve Ford, of Wishing Well, said: "Alexandra has to be the world's biggest Doctor Who fan. She even wore Doctor Who socks for the occasion. Alexandra had a lovely time and was really sad when the Cyberman had to leave."

The Cyberman was film and TV prop builder Nigel Parkes of Kidderminster who has a collection of Doctor Who memorabilia.

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Pilot flying high after reunion

A pilot from the Midlands has had an emotional reunion with the UK's first minicab plane that he built in his garden in the 60s.

Bob Hart, now aged 80, started the six-year project in 1962 but had not seen the G-AVRW aircraft for 36 years since selling it on when storing it became too expensive.

But after some detective work by his daughter Lynette, they discovered that it was being used by

the Nottingham's Kestrel Flying Club, who have owned it for 25 years. Club bosses let him get in the cockpit again – and Mr Hart said the experience was “incredible”.

Mr Hart, an engineer, first got involved in flying by taking lessons at the old Wolverhampton Municipal Airport, in the Ford houses area of town. But the classes were too expensive – so he

built his own aircraft at home in Hoo Road, Kidderminster.

The project was finally completed in 1968. Mr Hart, who now lives in Hopton Wafers, Shropshire, said when he heard the plane was in Nottingham, he was “desperate” to give it one last trip.

He added: “My only regret was that I was unable to carry out the usual daredevil stunts that I did with her in the 70s.”

Force receives praise

West Mercia Police, which covers the Wyre Forest district, has been praised for its efforts in reducing its carbon footprint and energy costs.

The force said it had been placed highly in the Environment Agency's Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency scheme.

Businesses and organisations which used more than 6,000 megawatts in the qualifying year

of 2008 are required to take part. Of the 24 police forces involved, West Mercia was placed second in cutting its energy use and ranked 155 out of the 2,104 organisations taking part overall.

Since the start of the 2009/10 financial year, the force has reduced its electricity and gas consumption by 1.25 million kilowatt hours, saving around £400,000 over two years.

Musician is badly injured in stab attack

A 25-year-old man seriously injured after being stabbed in Dudley is a musician who has toured the world with his band.

Jack Turley, drummer in pop punk group, The Fight, was stabbed on Sunday night in Cromwell Street, Kates Hill, along with Faid Saleh, aged 21.

Both are in a serious but stable condition at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. His sister and bandmate Kate Turley said he remained in intensive care but was coming out of a coma. She added: “The whole of the local community have been extremely supportive and have sent a lot of messages and kind words to pass on to my brother.”

Scores of messages of support have been put on Facebook. His mother Maria wrote: “We would like to thank everyone for all the fantastic support and wishes.” Former Castle High School pupil Mr Turley, of Kates Hill, has been in the four-piece group since 2000.

They recorded an album in 2004 with the producer of American band Fall Out Boy.

Sean Davies, 19, of Cromwell Street, Dudley, was charged with two counts of attempted murder, possession with intent to supply cannabis and possession of an offensive weapon.

He appeared at Dudley magistrates yesterday and was remanded in custody. A second man, also 19, has been released on police bail.

Playgroup is given outstanding report

A playgroup near Stourbridge is celebrating after receiving its best Ofsted inspection results to date.

The Hagley playgroup, which is based in Hagley Community Centre, received outstanding accreditations in all categories.

These included the quality of the provision in the early years foundation stage, outcomes for children and the effectiveness of leadership and management.

The playgroup, which has been running for 50 years, now takes children between the age of two and four and opens four mornings per week.

Playgroup manager, Sharon Gould, said: “We are absolutely thrilled with this result.”

“Due to our playgroup being based within a community centre, we never expected that we would achieve outstanding grades across the board, but this proves that whatever the setting, with a strong and caring team of practitioners, high quality childcare is achievable.”

National Trust seeking volunteers for project

About 50 volunteers are being sought to help out at a popular tourist attraction in the Midlands.

The National Trust, which runs Kinver Edge, near Stourbridge, says a number of those volunteers would be able to help out with an ongoing restoration programme at an 18th Century house built into rocks at the site.

The Martindales House has been sealed off since 1950 when the last family moved out and it was declared unfit for living. But now it is being restored by the National Trust, which manages the South Staffordshire site.

The new-look house will be officially unveiled to the public at the beginning of March, and there will be a family fun day on March 3 to celebrate the launch.

Lizzie Hatchman, the property manager, said: “It's a wonderful project to be involved in. We really want to get local people on board and help bring the house to life.”

Pub to host German fair

A German fair will be held at a Stourbridge pub to raise money for the town's Mary Stevens Hospice.

The Shovel Inn in Lye will host the festive fundraiser on December 9. Licensee Steve Hopkins will be transforming the garden at the rear of the pub into a winter wonderland.

The pub will be serving up Frankfurter hog dogs, sautéed potatoes and mushrooms swilled down with mulled wine, German beer or real ale.

Burglar makes an apology

A burglar who disturbed an elderly Black Country resident during a night-time raid on her home apologised before fleeing. The 80-year-old woman was left “shaken” after the intruder entered her bedroom.

Police said £20 was found to have been taken during the break-in in the Quarry Bank area of Dudley.

Officers said the elderly woman had gone to bed when the man walked into the bedroom and noticed her. Police said he apologised before making his escape.

Detective Constable Louise Davies said: “We know the offender managed to get into the house through an insecure downstairs window. The terrible thing about this offence is that the victim was home alone at the time, which has understandably left her shaken.”

The incident happened at around 8.45pm on November 9. The burglar is described as a white man, around 6ft 2in tall with a slim build. He is around 25 to 30 years old with a Birmingham accent. He wore a black hooded top, black trousers and was carrying a red torch.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to call Dudley CID by dialling 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Rubbish bags to be delivered

A new delivery of bin bags for residents in Dudley to use when they are taking out their rubbish will begin being sent out next month.

A controversial three-bag limit on collections from each household in Dudley was imposed alongside the issuing of bin bags in bulk in September last year.

Bosses have now said the next roll of bags will be delivered along with next year's garden waste recycling calendar between December and March 2012.

However that will be dependent on the weather. Residents will not receive a recycling calendar this year, as collection days are unaltered, but they can download them from the website at www.dudley.gov.uk

MP in rallying call on police closures

A Dudley MP is calling for a parliamentary debate as campaigns to save five Black Country police stations threatened by overnight closure have been launched. Critics claim the controversial move would leave communities unprotected.

Shock proposals to close bases in Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Bloxwich and Wednesfield for up to 14 hours a day, starting at 6pm, have sparked campaigns across the region.

The stations are among 12 in the West Midlands which would be affected by the plans. Ian Austin MP for Dudley North, wants the plans to be debated in Parliament.

He has applied for a debate so MPs from across the region can challenge the Government about the proposals.

Signed

Mr Austin has been gathering signatures against the petition since he found out about the plans on last Wednesday. On Saturday he and his team spent more than two hours in Dudley town centre collecting signatures.

More than seven hundred people have now signed.

“We'll be taking it door-to-door this week and we've dropped off copies at shops in the town centre,” he said.

“On Friday we sent out an email to over 3,000 con-

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stituents asking them to fill in the petition and pass it on to their friends and family.”

Last week he said: “People are understandably furious about these proposals. If the plans go ahead the nearest police station will be at Brierley Hill – over five miles away for most residents.”

“Lots of the crimes that people are most worried about – burglaries, violent crime and anti-social behaviour, tend to happen in the evening.”

“So it's all the more important that we have a police station that's open round the clock and local officers that are available all day, every day. What we don't want is people being deterred from reporting crime because the nearest police station is too far away.”

He said the region's MPs needed to let the Government know how dangerous and unpopular these plans were. “It's just unbelievable,” he said.

Firm donates TV to school



St Mary's Catholic Primary School pupils celebrate the installation of their new plasma screen television with Simon Darvall and Michael Downs of BMG

Pupils at a Black Country school are having their academic achievements displayed in style on a plasma television donated by bosses from a firm.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, in Brierley Hill, has installed the screen which is used to inform youngsters of upcoming activities and congratulate them for good work.

The TV was donated by bosses from the Business Moves Group after parent Michael Downs, who works for the firm, asked if they could make a donation to buying it. But chairman Simon Darvall offered to pay for the TV outright. He and Mr Downs visited the school to see the TV and chat with youngsters.

Friends of St Mary's spokesman Natalie Field said the firm had been very generous and the TV had been a boost to the school.

She said: “We use the screen to highlight the achievements of pupils. It lets the children know that their work is important.”

Planning applications with the council

Plans submitted to Dudley Council this week include:

Grange House, Parkway Road, Dudley, conversion of existing care home into eight apartments (resubmission of approved application).

Spar, Grange Road, Oldswinford, amendment to approved application to change window/door from colour to green, roller shutter doors in green and installation of nine anti-rat bollards in red (retrospective).

Stourbridge Road, Dudley, erection of five apartments.

Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, listed building consent for the conversion of the principal listed building and associated out-

buildings to provide five apartments with works comprising internal and external alterations to include the blocking up of historic openings and the formation of new door and window openings and the provision of new partitions and party walls including elements of demolition, rebuilding and alteration of existing outbuildings.

Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, conversion of existing offices into five apartments to include changes to rear elevation and extension to outbuildings.

Vacant land adjacent to Hill Street, Quarry Bank, erection of one dwelling.

Barton Lane, Wall Heath, lawful development certificate of a

proposed use as a detached building to rear of garden.

Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, display of non-illuminated fascia sign.

Cobden Street, Wollaston, lawful development certificate for a proposed kitchen and garage.

Freebodies Tavern, St Johns Road, Dudley, following demolition of existing public house, erection of nine private dwellings and public right of way to be stopped up.

Former Hop and Barleycorn public house, Mason Street, Coseley, conversion of existing public house into five apartments and erection of two blocks to create four apartments.

Oakland Drive, Lower Gornal, residential property, single dwelling.

Que Pasa, Ryemarket, Stourbridge, display five internally illuminated fascia signs.

Providence Drive Trading estate, Lye, Stourbridge, change of use of part of existing accident management unit to mixed use.

Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford, lawful development certificate for a proposed rear extension.

Melrose Avenue, Pedmore, Stourbridge, single storey side extension.

Southwick Road, Halesowen, single storey side extension with front access ramp (following demolition of existing garage).

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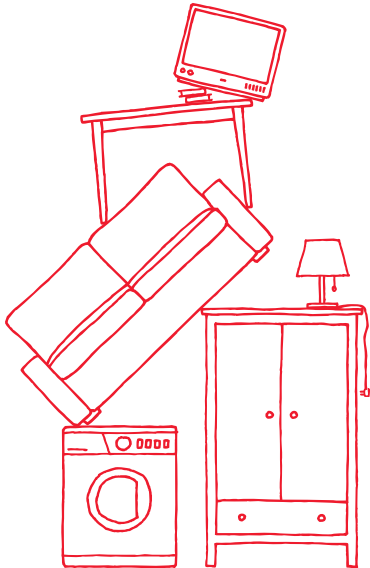
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Museum council grant axed

A grant for one of the region's top tourist attractions has been scrapped due to "enormous pressures" on the council's budget, the authority's leader recently said.

From 2013 the Black Country Living Museum, in Tipton Road, Dudley, will not receive funding of £70,000 a year from Dudley Council.

The decision comes as the council tries to claw back millions of pounds amid 800 job losses throughout the organisation.

Museum bosses said they understood why the cuts were being made

and denied it would have an effect on the running of the popular tourist attraction.

The museum has received the council grant for a number of years but the council says it has become "out of date".

Councillor Les Jones, leader of Dudley Council, said: "We have discussed the decision with the museum who understand the enormous pressures all councils are facing on their budgets."

The funding will be withdrawn from the 2013/14 financial year as part of

plans to save almost £12.8 million over the next two years.

A total of £8.3m is set to be slashed from the 2012/13 budget, with around £22m cut from this year's council budget.

Andrew Lovett, museum director and chief executive, said: "The proposal to withdraw the grant, if it went ahead, would not be effective for another 17 months."

"In this context it is only one issue among many that the museum's financial planning will take into account."

MP in call for reform on elderly

A Black Country MP has called for a "major reform" in NHS social care for older people, arguing that the service is under-funded.

Speaking in Parliament, MP for Stourbridge Margot James said that between 2004 and 2010, spending on care for older people rose by just 0.1 per cent - while the number of people aged 65 and over rose by 7.7 per cent.

She told the House of Commons she believed more NHS funding should be diverted to older people's care - and said the £1 billion pledged by the government might not be enough.

"Older people's care has not seen the funding increases over the last decade that we have seen in other public services," she said.

Warehouse gig

A jazz violinist Billy Thompson will play at The Bonded Warehouse in Stourbridge on December 9 as part of the autumn and winter programme of jazz at the venue on Canal Street. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £7 and £8.50 on the door.

Pub's all lit up for festive season

It has marked the start of Christmas for hundreds of families over the past decade.

And record numbers of residents turned out to see the annual festive lights switch-on at the Summer House pub near Sedgley.

More than 500 people visited the Gospel End pub as landlord John Coombes kickstarted his Christmas extravaganza.

This year's winter wonderland is an interactive experience themed around festive nature trail.

Around 10,000 bulbs adorn the pub with Santas and other festive characters decorating the roof of the well-known watering hole.

Two-year-old Ava Hackett looked up at the lights with amazement and was covered in snowflakes with her parents Charlotte and Matt.

"She loves it and we thought we'd come down as we have relatives who live here," said Mrs Hackett from Hagley.

Mr Coombes, 57, has also decorated the inside of the pub with lights with help from his electrician son Chris.



Enjoying the switch-on are Charlotte Hackett, Matt Hackett, and daughter Ava Hackett, aged two



Crowds enjoy the Christmas lights at the Summer House pub in Gospel End

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Workers steal £45k from council coffers

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More than £45,000 of taxpayers' cash has been stolen from council coffers in Dudley by unscrupulous employees pocketing extra money, it has emerged. In the past four years, a total of £45,050 has been lost.

It has gone through fraud, theft or corruption by people working for, or contracted by, the council. A hotline has now been set up for honest employees to shop their corrupt colleagues after the number of cases doubled between 2007 and last year.

Finance chief Councillor David Blood said it makes it easier for residents and council staff to report suspicions.

"Unfortunately, we know that fraud is going on, and we take a very dim view of it," said Mr Blood.

"A full investigation will be launched, and if we find that fraud has been carried out we will prosecute where we think it is necessary. Dudley Council has a zero tolerance against fraud."

Corruption

Frauds reported to the council include fraudulent use of money, such as people getting cash they are not entitled to, including payments for contracts, supplies or grants. It can also include the stealing or misusing of council resources, such as stores, equipment, vehicles or buildings belonging to the authority.

Figures obtained by the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that in 2007, 15 cases of fraud, theft or corruption were reported to the council, with £7,850 going missing from council funds in the form of cash or items stolen.

In 2010, this had increased to 30 cases, costing the council a massive £21,000. This was up from £6,950 stolen in 2009 and £5,250 stolen in 2008. And between January and October this year, 15 cases were reported, costing the council a reported £3,500.

Five of those reports were received within the first month of the hotline's launch in September.

Bert signs school football



Bert Williams with pupils, left, Joel Cook and Sam Downing, both eight, signs a leather football for a charity auction at Rowley Hall Primary School

Sporting legend Bert Williams finally got round to signing a football for Sandwell school children last week - 60 years after the school first received it.

The 91-year-old goalkeeping great gave a leather ball to Rowley Hall Primary School in Rowley Regis way back in 1951.

The ball, marked 'Bert Williams, Wolverhampton' on one side, with the word 'Molineux' on the other, has been hidden in a cupboard. Site manager John Green only found it

when he came to clear it out. The ball was due to take pride of place in an auction for school funds. "Having Bert's signature on this ball is going to mean there is a lot of interest in it," said school office manager Sylvia Downing.

Two pupils, Sam Downing, from Cradley Heath, and Joel Cook, from Rowley Regis, both aged eight, went to Bert's house in Shifnal to get Bert's autograph.

Bert said: "I don't remember the ball, but I was delighted to sign it."

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Drugs led man into pork theft

A man stole pork joints from a supermarket in Dudley after taking drugs following an argument with his girlfriend, a court heard.

Sean Wilson, aged 24, had moved to Shropshire with her following previous trouble with the law after being jailed for burglary in 2009.

But following an argument with his girlfriend he came back to Dudley and got back in with his "old acquaintances", Dudley Magistrates Court was told last week.

Wilson, of The Spinney, Church Aston, Telford, pleaded guilty to stealing pork joints worth £33.75 from a Co-op store in the Dudley on November 8.

Mrs Jane Yeomans, prosecuting, said Wilson had tested positive for opiates while in custody.

Mr Jagdish Chopra, defending Wilson, said this had been a momentary "dalliance".

He was given a two-year conditional discharge.

Firearm youth is sentenced

A teenager from Dudley who brandished a firearm in the street has been given a community order.

Dion Bricknell, aged 19, was seen with the gas-powered air weapon in Willow Road, Brierley Hill, on August 11.

Bricknell, of Marigold Crescent, Wrens Nest, pleaded guilty to possessing a firearm and ammunition at Dudley Magistrates Court last week.

He was given a six-month community order and a three-month curfew between 8pm and 6am. He must pay £85 court costs.

Town car park is set to extend opening hours

A car park is to extend its opening hours to provide spaces for night-time visitors when Stourbridge's main multi-storey closes in January.

Improvements are already being carried out at the Ryemarket car park, with repairs to ramps. Dudley Council, which owns the car park, said talks were being held with owners of the adjoining Ryemarket Shopping Centre to get their views. More cars are expected to use the site when the main Bell Street multi-storey closes next year.

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Plan brings jobs boost

Hundreds of jobs will be created under new plans to build about 300 homes and a major business park on a former sugar factory site in Kidderminster.

The development, where the British Sugar factory stood in Stourport Road, will form part of the South Kidderminster Enterprise Park, which won support from Communities Secretary Eric Pickles last month. The plans, by site owners St Francis Group, were due to go out to a public consultation last week.

St Francis Group spokesman Andy Plant said the 74-acre plot was the largest brownfield site in Wyre Forest. "The problem for this area when trying to attract business is that it is not very well connected to other regions, and in particular is some distance from motorways," he said.

"We want to unlock this land and open it up for employment by building an access road that will eventually link to Hoobrook Road. This way we can make the most of its potential."

"It will be a mixed-use development, with around 320 new homes and a full range of businesses which will all create jobs. We want to make this an attractive place to both live and work, benefiting the local community."

The planning application is due to be submitted by the end of next month, and if all is approved Mr Plant said they hoped to break ground in winter next year.

Council leader John Campion said the plans were very exciting for the town.

"This fits in to the overall masterplan for the district, and will help fulfill the council's aim of bringing in new job opportunities," he added.

The closure is part of long-awaited plans to revamp the adjoining Crown Centre.

The car park is to be demolished and rebuilt as part of the scheme which will see the construction of a Tesco superstore at the site.

The Ryemarket will become the main car park in the town centre but it now closes at 9pm.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for regeneration, councillor Angus Adams, said longer opening hours were being looked at, although times had not been decided.

Councillor Adams said entrances to the car park from the Ryemarket Shopping Centre would have to be closed off to prevent people getting in at night.

Vital

This was why talks were taking place with the centre's owners Threadneedle.

He said: "I can confirm a provisional date for the closure of the Bell Street car park has been set for early January."

"The Ryemarket multi-storey is expected to take on many of the vehicles and measures are now being discussed to prepare the site."

"There is still work to be done but we are looking to extend the opening hours."

"It is also vital that access points to the shopping centre can be closed off, as we do not want people walking around the site late at night."

Councillor Adams said the council was confident the loss of Bell Street would not cause a problem as parking was also available in Birmingham Street.

"We also have off-road parking provision which some other towns do not have," he said.



Paris Cooper with Freestyle Salon owner Kim Varney, and Steve Ford, from Kingswinford, from Wishing Well

Paris is photo princess for a day

A teenager from Coseley enjoyed a moment in the spotlight when she was treated to a makeover and a professional photo shoot.

Paris Cooper, aged 16 from Lanesfield, was greeted like a VIP at Wollaston Beauty Clinic before she was whisked off to a nearby hair salon.

The pupil at High Arcal School in Sedgley was then taken for a photo shoot at Jane Jordan Photography in Stourbridge.

Spent

It was all organised by the Wishing Well charity based at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital as Paris had spent time on the children's ward earlier this year.

Her mother April, of Birmingham New Road, said: "Paris had a really nice time at the beauticians and hair salon."

"The children's ward was fantastic."

"All the staff were brilliant and really looked after Paris."

Council job losses will cost £3m

Around £3 million will be spent by Dudley Council next year to cover the cost of workers leaving through redundancy.

The local authority has launched the second year of a redundancy programme which will see around 200 positions go by April 2013.

Following an announcement in January, bosses have already shed more than 400 jobs this year as part of a bid to save £22 million.

The move is part of wider plans to axe 800 jobs over the next three years.

Councillor David Blood, cabinet member for finance, confirmed the cost.

He said: "The existing three-year budget strategy allows for £3m of redundancy costs for 2012/13."

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Protesters to speak at council debate

Protesters have won the right for a special debate over controversial plans to shut a Kingswinford care home after collecting thousands of signatures in opposition to the proposals.

Leading campaigner Mac Scott MBE will address Dudley Council's full council meeting on November 28 to kick-start the 30-minute debate.

"It is a great chance for us to finally have the issue on the agenda of a meeting and to be able to hear a full

debate," he said. Residents will be able to see the debate live on the Internet as the council plans to broadcast it through its website for the first time.

They triggered a debate after collecting more than 5,000 signatures against council plans to shut New Bradley Hall which cares for the elderly.

Anyone handing in a petition of more than 3,000 signatures can force councillors to debate an issue within

the council chamber. Council chiefs say the plans form part of a strategy to encourage older people to live more independently and in some cases be cared for at private homes.

But Mr Scott together with residents and their relatives from the Compton Drive home want to overturn the decision.

"We will be looking to make a number of points to get our message across," he said.

Grandson joins in fight on care home

A devoted grandson has stepped in to help the plight of his grandfather and other residents at a closure-threatened Kingswinford care home by backing fundraising efforts.

Summerhill School pupil Thomas Attwood makes several visits a week to see his grandfather Fred, aged 77, who lives at New Bradley Hall.

But he was shocked to learn that his grandfather could be forced to leave as Dudley Council plans to shut the home under a shake-up of adult social care services in the borough.

The 15-year-old, from Wordsley, will be leading a sponsored awareness walk from the care home to the Dudley Council House steps on December 17.

Helping

"It is going to be a nightmare if he has to move," he said. "I just wanted to raise awareness and keep the issue in the public eye so everybody knows what's happening."

His parents Nigel and Margaret Attwood, who also have a 20-year-old son Scott, have been helping Thomas raise money through their work colleagues.

Mrs Attwood, who works at Asda at the Merry Hill shopping centre, said the whole family had been taken aback by the closure plans.

"It was a real shock, especially as he has already moved from Amblecote House when it closed a few months



Fred Attwood with his grandson Thomas who is planning a sponsored walk to raise money to fund a legal costs aimed at saving the home

ago," she said. "We wanted him to be close to where we live and he is only two minutes down the road so it was ideal."

"Thomas said 'let's do something about it' and came up with this idea to hold a sponsored walk."

He wants to start off at around midday from the Compton Drive care home near Broadfield House Glass Museum.

Walkers will then take the near five mile stroll to the council house, in Priory Road, Dudley, with people

sponsoring them. Cash raised will be put towards the £3,000 needed by the New Bradley Hall action group to pay their initial legal fees.

New Bradley Hall's oldest resident Hilda Turner turned 104 last week and her daughter Jane Faisey said the family would be looking forward to celebrating.

Thomas is looking for other grandchildren of residents to take part by contacting him at nigelone@blueyonder.co.uk

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Attacks on hospital staff are on the rise

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The number of staff attacked while on duty at hospitals has increased by up to a third in some parts of the Midlands, new figures claim.

There were 129 workers assaulted last year in Worcestershire compared with 90 in 2009/10 while in Dudley there were 63 cases reported in 2010/11, up from 53.

Meanwhile the number of assaults at hospitals in Sandwell has dropped from 157 to 137. In Worcestershire, there were two incidents of intentional violence to staff resulting in police action.

Verbal warnings, formal letters and even banning culprits from the site except for emergency treatment are among the other steps taken by the hospitals.

Safety training is available for staff at Kidderminster, Redditch and Worcester.

Associate medical director and accident and emergency consultant, Rose Johnson, said: "A&E staff in particular have to face many challenging situations during the course of their duties."

Serious

"Fortunately we see small numbers of serious physical assaults on staff, but those assaults have long-term consequences for the members of staff involved and staff often feel that they can no longer carry on working in this environment after the event."

"The larger numbers of incidents of verbal abuse can feel very threatening to staff and make their difficult jobs even more challenging."

While in Dudley, CCTV is being used to try to catch culprits and a 24-hour manned security service is available to support staff.

Paula Clark, chief executive of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The Dudley Group takes a zero tolerance approach to violence and aggression and we support staff to report any incidents that occur."

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust spokeswoman Helen Eden said out of the 137 assaults on staff, 61 involved medical factors while 76 were deliberate.

Operation Santa's appeal



Volunteer Elaine Nicholson surrounded by gifts

An appeal for toys and gifts to give to disadvantaged youngsters in Dudley has got off to a flying start.

Organisers have recruited additional volunteers to start wrapping up the Christmas presents but say they still need more donations.

They are appealing for toys, games, books, selection boxes and all sorts of gifts to be handed into the Operation Santa collection centres throughout the borough.

It is hoped that more than 1,400 children across Dudley will benefit. Eileen Fielding who is co-ordinat-

ing the appeal, said: "We have received hundreds of items so far. Fortunately we have had the services of two extra helpers at the Dudley Council for Voluntary Service gift collection centre in Brierley Hill."

Elaine Nicholson from Halesowen and Emma Grindley from Bilston both work for Mid-Counties Co-op Travel Services which encourages staff to help out with a voluntary organisation or charity of their own choosing.

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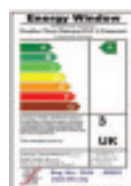
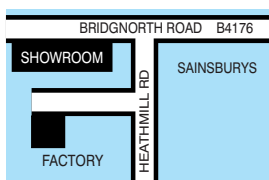
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£1,144 care fraud by highly-paid chief

A care boss stole more than £1,000 from her employer while taking home a salary of £53,000. Paula Goodyear defrauded Wolverhampton-based CM Community Care Services of £1,144 while the company, which employed her since 1999, was experiencing financial difficulties.

The 42-year-old from Dudley banked the money while employed as a senior care co-ordinator for the firm. CM Community Care helps people live independently in their own homes by offering services including personal care and assistance with cleaning, laundry and shopping.

Wolverhampton Magistrates Court was told she asked the family of an elderly woman to write a cheque, which should have been payable to the firm, in her name during 2007.

The cash was paid for 10 sessions of care and supervision. Goodyear, of Old Park Road, also falsified paperwork to imply she had worked all 10 shifts herself when she had actually only done four, the court was told.

She pleaded guilty last week to one count of fraud by abuse of position and the case was adjourned until Thursday for a pre-sentence report.

Chairman of the bench Ray Page told Goodyear she may face jail.

Mr Roger Blezzard, prosecuting, said Goodyear had worked her way up in the company over eight years and had been in a position of trust at the time of the offence. "This is a fraud by a very senior person," he said.

Mrs Hahmita Patel, defending, said Goodyear, who has since resigned, had acted on "impulse" and was remorseful. She had suffered from ill health in the past and was anxious over the outcome of the court case.



Paula Goodyear

Dancers dazzle for examiners



Youngsters at VJ's Dance Centre celebrates their success

Talented youngsters at a Brierley Hill dance centre are celebrating record results in their latest ballet and tap exams.

The 24 seven to 12-year-olds from VJ's Dance Centre dazzled examiners when they were put through their paces in the Central Dancing Association tests with more than 50 per cent gaining top-mark honours.

The rest all secured highly commended results. Examiner Lizzie Greenaway said: "It was an absolute delight to be entertained by such an able bunch of beautiful ballerinas and talented tappers."

The centre, meets every Saturday at Withmore Primary School, Gayfield

Avenue, and the children are now busily preparing for their Let's Dance show at Brierley Hill Civic next March. Principal Vicky Williams, said: "I could not have wished for better results."

"The dance school is primarily about having fun and enjoying learning new skills, but the dedication of the students has been so disciplined and is reflected in these stunning results."

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Council workers set to move

More than 150 workers at Dudley Council are to move to another office as part of a scheme to save cash and make better use of space. Staff in the human resources section of the local authority are to move to Regent House in King Street.

It is part of a project being carried out by Dudley Council which will see more than a third of council buildings which have been deemed unfit for purpose put on the market.

The move is to happen over the next three years under plans unveiled by council bosses earlier this year.

It is due to save an estimated £500,000 a year in running costs.

Regent House was until earlier this year used by the Future Skills Service.

However, the council lost its contract to run the service to provide employment and skills training to the private sector earlier this year.

Councillor Les Jones, leader of the council, said: "The project to move human resources to Regent House is part of a three-year project designed to make better use of the space used by the council in Dudley, and make financial savings at the same time."

"By changing the way we work the 156 staff moving in HR will occupy less space and therefore associated costs will be less."

Councillor Tim Wright, cabinet member for human resources, said: "The aim of the move is to centralise them into one location which will create a more efficient way of working."

In total 24 of the council's offices and 11 customer reception buildings will be earmarked for sale but council chiefs are yet to announce which ones will go. However the Council House in Ednam Road, along with the buildings in St James Road and Parsons Street, will not be among them.

Borough bosses have been working on establishing in-dependent valuations of the sites before carrying out work on their possible future uses.

School's rating is top level

A school near Stourbridge is celebrating after being given the top grading by Ofsted.

Hagley Catholic High, Brake Lane, was rated "outstanding" and praised for having a "culture that nurtures success at every level".

The school was judged to be "good" during the last Ofsted report five years ago and teachers say they are "delighted".

Inspector Kevin Sheldrick said he was impressed by the "excellent behaviour of students" and said they have "a strong sense of duty, and participate in activities that help others and improve the environment in the school and beyond".

He said efforts had been made to teach subjects in greater depth and give pupils a say in lesson organisation.

Headteacher, Ted Hammond said: "I'm delighted that the inspectors have recognised the exceptional efforts made by all of the staff and students."

Sss-oaking snake a hit at zoo

Like most females, Columbia the Brazilian rainbow boa enjoys a long soak in the bath in her vivarium at Dudley Zoo.

The tree snake spends a lot of time in the tub as the water helps to keep her rainbow scales gleaming.

The boa's rainbow colours are caused by the refraction of light as her scales act like mini-prisms, due to microscopic ridges, unseen to the naked eye.

Columbia is very much in demand for the zoo's Creature Features, which are informative educational talks with live animal demonstrations.

Presenter Langan Turner said: "Columbia is a tree snake really, but she adores water and spends a lot of time in the bath, as she loves the humidity and it is good for her skin."

"When we get her out of her vivarium we have to take a towel to dry her before she meets the public, as inevitably she has been having a long soak and is dripping wet."

"Columbia has a nice steady temperament so we use her for educational events, such as school-based talks and Creature Features in the community."



Dudley Zoo presenter Langan Turner with rainbow boa Columbia after a long soak

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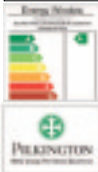


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D-Day veteran died wearing his poppy

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A D-Day hero known to thousands of Black Country scouts who attended the camp he used to run died on Remembrance Day - wearing a poppy nurses pinned to his hospital gown. The 90-year-old was suffering from a chest infection.

Claude Jukes - better known as Jim - who ran Kinver Scout Camp, near Stourbridge for several decades, was taken prisoner of war after helping to defend the Pegasus bridge, which had been retaken from the Germans in the early hours of D-Day. He died at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

His family said that after he was taken into hospital he was determined to hold on to life long enough to see Remembrance Day.

"One of our sons commented - he's waiting for the right day to die," said Mr Jukes's widow, Sheila, aged 80, at their home in Foley Grove, Wombourne.

Television

"I stood in front of the television wearing the poppy on his cap, as he always did, during the two-minute silence on the 11th of the 11th - and the nurses made sure he had a poppy pinned to his gown for Armistice Sunday, when he died at about 7am."

Mr Jukes, a retired printer, who worked at com-



Jim Jukes with his wife Sheila and grandson Sam at Royal garden party in 2007

panies in West Bromwich and Dudley, was warden at Kinver Scout Camp - a voluntary job - for more than 30 years and he also used to run a scout group in Dudley.

He and Sheila met at a dance at Kinver British Legion and this year they celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. "He didn't really talk about his time in the D-Day landings, saying it was gone and we had to look to the future, which for him was scouting," said Mrs Jukes.

"Since he died, I have had phone calls from people who attended his camps from as far away as Cornwall."

Mr Jukes's two sons, Andrew and Tim, accompanied him several years ago to revisit Pegasus bridge which crossed the Caen Canal and was taken from the Germans soon after the landings in 1944. "My father was a marine commando and was among the first to land on Sword beach," said Andrew.

"His landing craft was hit by rocket fire and he had to jump off and swim to the beach. The mission was to relieve the paratrooper men at Pegasus bridge and he showed us the bullet holes he had dodged."



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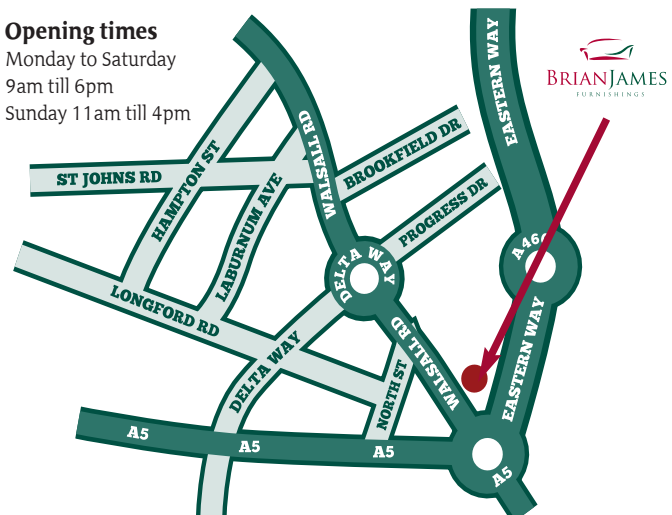
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A warm welcome with some good old friends

I recently addressed the Dudley South Ladies' Luncheon Club at the Kingfisher Hotel and Restaurant in Wall Heath. It was great to be back among the ladies for the first time since my election to Parliament last year.

I have addressed the club four times in the past five years and it is one of my favourite appointments with such a welcoming audience. The ladies have provided great support to the Conservative Association and helped with various voluntary tasks for my election campaign, for which I am very grateful.

I have been back out on the streets delivering leaflets and calendars with fellow Conservative Party members. All of our literature is printed and delivered at no cost to the taxpayer (we fundraise to among our members to cover our costs). We've been very fortunate with such mild weather for delivering leaflets in!

I called into Pensnett Community Centre to support the Christmas fair. It was good to see Councillor Sue Greenaway manning the refreshments stand

with other centre volunteers. I also caught up with the Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company and made plans to go and see another of its forthcoming shows — see www.bhmtc.co.uk for dates.

I returned to Stourbridge Arm Canoe Club on the canal in Wordsley to join councillors Geoff Southall and Glenis Simms to plant hedging plants donated by The Woodland Trust. It was good to catch-up with Mark Harding, Stephen Masters and all of the team at the club. They really are the Big Society in action.

I was due to, once again, attend the Remembrance Sunday parade starting at the Kingswinford Royal British Legion Club followed by the service at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford but, sadly, that morning we received news at home of the death of a close family friend. I shall be there again next year, though.

Last week we debated diesel and petrol prices in the Commons. I signed a backbench motion calling on the Government to con-

sider the effect that increased taxes on fuel will have on the economy, to examine ways of working with industry to ensure that falls in oil prices are passed on to consumers, to consider issues around market competitiveness, and more widely to consider the feasibility of a price stabilisation mechanism that would work alongside the fair fuel stabiliser, to address fluctuations in the pump price.

Backed

Unfortunately I did not succeed in catching the Speaker's eye but the motion was carried (without a vote).

I also backed calls in the Commons for faster action on amending legislation to outlaw the sale of scrap metal for cash. I am co-sponsoring a 10-minute Rule Bill which will receive its second reading in the Commons on Friday, January 20, 2012.

I am hopeful that the Government will make Parliamentary time available to take forward the Bill — Metal Theft (Prevention). It would introduce a licens-

ing scheme for scrap metal dealers; to enable magistrates' courts to add restrictions to licences to deal in scrap metal; to require that financial transactions in trade in scrap metals be restricted to cashless payments; to give police officers powers to search properties owned by scrap metal dealerships; to provide that scrap metal proven to have been obtained through theft may be classified as criminal assets; to introduce criminal charges for theft of scrap metal which take into account aspects of the crime other than the value of the scrap metal stolen; and for connected purposes.

Additionally, I am founding the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Combating Metal Theft in order to step-up the campaign within Parliament to suitably amend the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964.

Last weekend I visited Afghanistan with the Ministry of Defence to meet British troops and see firsthand some of the superb work they are doing to create a peaceful and stable

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● Chris Kelly can be contacted on 01384 211 041 or via office@chriskellymp.com. You can also read the latest news and views at www.chriskellymp.com

Due to technical problems Ian Austin's column did not appear last week. We apologise for any confusion and Mr Austin's column will appear as normal next week.

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George Alagiah. 1:00 Catch Up (R). 1:15 Topical
Catch 2.15 Weekend Link. (RV) 3:00 Escape to the
Country. 3:45 Britain's Best of British. 4:00
Country. 5:15 Henry Moore: Visionary or Naïf?
6:00 The Big Questions. 7:00 Country
-It Takes Two. 7:00 Her Husbands. 8:00 Modernizing
-3.30 Flint The Accidental Husband (2008) BBC
Renters. Romantic comedy starring Emma
Thurman, Colin Firth and Jeffrey Dean Morgan.
9:00 Newsnight. 10:00 Newsnight. 11:00
The Fowler Show. 11:05 Weekend. 11:59 Flint The
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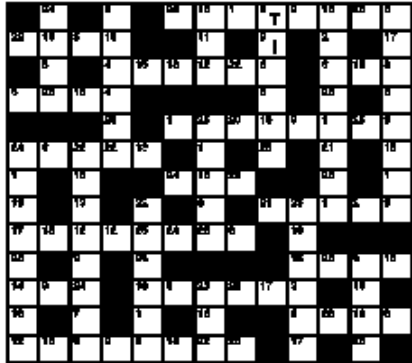
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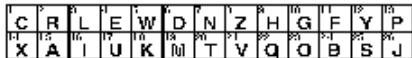
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Choose either the quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- Across**
- He is known for his nets (10)
 - Superstitious symbol of many lotteries a gambling system (5)
 - Cousins followed by those who fly high (7)
 - Conveys a protest, stand in ready (8)
 - He tallies his account (4)
 - Used by people of high standing? (6)
 - Science that puts healthy colour into a food (5)
 - Provides weapons for members (4)
 - Ballot, given the sack, goes on foot (8)
 - A sort of colour relationship? (7)
 - Apparent reduction of overtime (5)
 - Commanding individual with an important role to play (7,3)

Quick Clues:

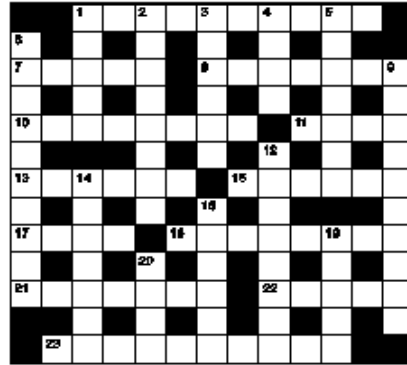
- Across**
- Prosperous (10)
 - Kingly (5)
 - Officer (7)
 - Lost (8)
 - Uniform (4)
 - Substrate (6)
 - Develop (5)
 - Concerning (4)
 - Four little of air (8)
 - Rarely (7)
 - Accumulate (5)
 - Sack and star (10)

Down

- Started to smoke, having had a lot to drink (5,2)
- Used when the going is sticky (8)
- Casualty takes a few notes, perhaps (6)
- Slide ends? (4)
- Use an egg, it's blown (7)
- Appears frightened and begins to go home (5,4)
- The plight of the politician? (5,5)
- Soaring character in the literary world (8)
- Big man of heart (7)
- Excuse to knock up a Spaniard (6)
- It can smash a canoe to pieces (5)
- Unproductive sort of raid (4)

Down

- Vision (5)
- Oleaster (8)
- Route (6)
- Monthly (4)
- Oleaster (8)
- Sack (10)
- Composition (10)
- Unpublished (8)
- Intervention (7)
- Opulence (6)
- Scatter (5)
- Rare (4)



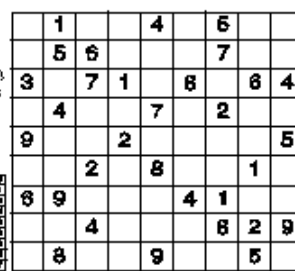
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

CRYPTIC: Across: 1. Nets, 2. Superstitious, 3. Cousins, 4. Protest, 5. Tally, 6. High standing, 7. Food, 8. Weapons, 9. Ballot, 10. Colour, 11. Reduction, 12. Commanding. Down: 1. Started to smoke, 2. Sticky, 3. Casualty, 4. Slide, 5. Blown, 6. Frightened, 7. Politician, 8. Literary, 9. Big man, 10. Spaniard, 11. Smash, 12. Raid.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Pupils prepare for their production of *Jekyll and Hyde*, from left is Lauren Sanders, Luke Millard, both 15, and Mia Richards, 14, with front Jamie Rushin, 13

Student actors build school's reputation

Pupils at a Lower Gornal school are take their production of *Jekyll & Hyde* to the stage this week after months of preparation. More than 100 youngsters at Ellowes Hall Sports College have been working on the show since auditions were held in April.

This is the school's ninth production in 10 years and teachers are promising it will be their best yet. John Bailey, director of performing arts, said: "Ellowes has built up a reputation for very professional-looking performances."

"Students have been acting, singing, dancing, designing the set and generally rehearsing every lunch time and every night after school. Every principal character is played by at least two students which demonstrates the wide array of talent at the school."

The musical, based on the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, tells the story of a scientist who transforms himself into a good and evil persona.

It will run until Saturday. All performances are from 7:30pm with the exception of the Saturday matinee performance at 2pm. Tickets are £5 available from reception.

John Barrowman, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Fresh from saving the world in Torchwood, John Barrowman landed in Birmingham at the Symphony Hall, filling it for two nights.

He presented a superb night of entertainment with his outstanding singing of popular pop songs and his unique interaction with the audience. Accompanied by a first class band and four energetic dancers, it had all the ingredients of a good old fashioned variety show.

A huge cheer from his devoted fans greeted him as the lights dimmed and a silhouette shadow of him appeared behind closed curtains. His opening show had his audience eating out of his hands and set the atmosphere for the rest of his show.

In between songs he comically integrated his own life stories, showing family and childhood pictures on a huge screen, adhering him even more to the audience.

Keeping it in the family, his mom and dad joined him on stage dressed in costume, creating howls of laughter for an hilariously funny version of YMCA.

Jodie Prenger of *Maria* fame was an absolute joy belting out big band numbers and duelling with Barrowman. Finishing with what he calls his signature song *I Am What I Am*, the fans went wild and gave him a standing ovation.

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Will Young, O2 Academy, Birmingham

NEARLY 10 years on from his prime time TV talent show success there is no doubt that Will Young is a Pop Idol.

He glided through his 90-minute show at the packed Birmingham venue with consummate professionalism and chirpy good humour. Arriving on stage through a free-standing front door, wearing a *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em* mac, he shed his disguise to reveal black skinny jeans and tight black shirt and launched into latest hit *Come On* from his recent album *Echoes*.

Backed by three female singers and a fine band, the 32-year-old from Berkshire owned the stage with his smooth dance moves and a few gymnastic leaps onto the blocks where band members played. He mock winced after one jump during an entertaining band introduction in a jazzy take on *Hit The Road Jack*.

The audience, many old enough to appreciate a more comfortable venue than the O2 for their £35 ticket, spontaneously sang along with soulful Will on several songs including set closer *Leave Right Now*. He swiftly returned for a three song encore starting with a brilliant cover of Kate Bush's *Running Up That Hill*, a revamped version of his first single the Westlife song *Evergreen* and his recent major hit *Jealousy*.

Leon Burakowski

Seasons Greetings, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

An evening of delicious and uproarious fun is guaranteed for Alan Ayckbourn's comedy play *Seasons Greetings* at the Grand Theatre. It features a terrific cast who give the material every opportunity to shine.

A disastrous family Christmas gathering of a group of people with little in common except they're family, end up getting on each others nerves.

It takes a little time for the comedy to bear fruit as the characters are established, but after all of their insecurities, tensions and frustrations are revealed there are some hilariously funny scenes that will get you shaking with laughter.

The annual puppet show put on by one of the uncles, to the dread of the others, is just one of the many side splitting moments that come thick and fast.

The entire cast all give excellent performances but the star of the show must be the writer himself for his clever script.

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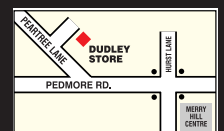


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Estate agent Worton Kelly is handling the sale of this three-bedroom detached in Great Meadow, Tipton

AGENTS say viewing is essential at this executive detached property in Great Meadow, Tipton, for sale at £165,000.

The house briefly comprises of kitchen, cloakroom, lounge/diner, three good sized bedrooms with en suite to the master, family bathroom, rear garden, driveway and integral garage.

An entrance hall with alarm panel leads to the kitchen, measuring 13ft 9in by 6ft 11in and fitted with a range of wall and base units with complementary rolled edge work surfaces over, inset one and a half bowl stainless steel sink with drainer, integrated electric oven, integrated gas hob with cooker hood over, plumbing for washing machine and dishwasher and space for other appliances.

The cloakroom is fitted with low-level WC and pedestal wash hand basin, while the lounge/diner –

18ft 11in by 11ft 3in – has feature fireplace with electric fire, marble inset/hearth and modern surround and French doors to the rear.

On the first floor the master bedroom is 14ft 3in by 10ft 7in with built in wardrobes and an en suite comprising of separate shower cubicle, pedestal wash hand basin and low-level WC.

Bedrooms

There are two other bedrooms and a family bathroom with panel bath, pedestal wash hand basin and low-level WC.

Outside, to the front of the property, is a garden with slate bedded rockery and tarmac driveway.

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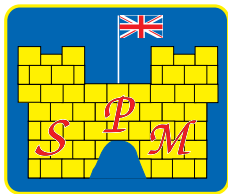
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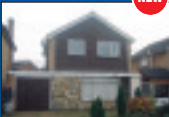


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WALL HEATH VILLAGE

14 Windmill Grove

NEW



Delightfully situated at the head of this very pleasant cul-de-sac, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND VERY WELL MAINTAINED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation which includes TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, fitted kitchen, side hallway, utility room, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom, separate w.c., GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond the front lawn, BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a LARGE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £174,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

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Oakham Road

NEW



Standing on one of Dudley's premier Roads, and having a large workshop/double garage to the rear is this traditional styled, gas centrally heated with condensing boiler, upvc double glazed 3 bedroomed semi detached residence, ideally suited to the family requirements and comprising: porch, hallway, dining room, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, driveway, workshop/double garage with electric door to the rear with private access, burglar alarm, must be viewed. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £159,999

DUDLEY

St. Michaels Grove

NEW



Positioned in this established residential location, within walking distance of all local facilities is this gas centrally heated, double glazed, modern style 3 bedroomed detached dwelling which comprises, hallway, lounge, dining area, Fitted kitchen, guest w.c., 3 first floor bedrooms, family bathroom, gardens front and rear, garage, driveway, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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Fir Tree Drive

NEW



A significantly EXTENDED, and comparatively spacious, FREEHOLD, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached family home in popular cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes: entrance hall, store, 19 ft through dining room (with double French doors), L shape lounge, upgraded breakfast kitchen, Two double bedrooms, and a further 19 ft third bedroom, reapointed bathroom with a white suite, Parking, "low maintenance" rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

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Crescent Avenue

NEW



This beautifully presented, traditional style, majority UPVC Double Glazed Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroomed SEMI DETACHED home is situated in an established residential location and is WELL WORTHY of internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: ENTRANCE HALL, LOUNGE, DINING ROOM, KITCHEN with a fine range of units, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, BATHROOM with SEPARATE W.C., DRIVEWAY and pleasant GARDENS. SOLD WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £134,995

LANESFIELD

Hilton Road

NEW



This traditional style, part UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

NETHERTON

Copse Road

NEW



Being of particular interest to the first time buyer/investor, requiring selective updating, and being realistically priced is this traditional style part central heated 3 bedroomed semi detached property which comprises, Hall, lounge, Kitchen diner, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., long garden to the rear, driveway to the front, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £79,950

TIPTON

Waterloo Street

NEW




NO UPWARD CHAIN. A traditional, freehold semi detached WITH POTENTIAL (possible extension/garage space to side - not verified) set within reasonable walking distance of Tipton town centre & all associated amenities, bus/rail transport routes, etc. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay, enlarged L-shaped kitchen, verandah, two bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, possible garage space. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £75,000

BRIERLEY HILL

Dadford View

NEW




Situated on this popular development, ideally suited to the first time buyer or investor is this modern style 2 bedroomed back to back style house, close to all local facilities, and comprising, lounge, kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking space, realistic price. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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LOWER GORNAL

Robert Street

NEW



An extremely stylish, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home constructed to a high individual specification and significantly improved by present vendors. Outstanding accommodation provides hall, cloak, magnificent 18'4" lounge, dining room with patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (and steps down to cinema room), breakfast kitchen with a fine range of light oak units & many integrated appliances, utility room. Gallery landing, principal bedroom with built in wardrobe, shower room en suite & further walk-in wardrobe, three additional large bedrooms (one with built in wardrobe), dormer bathroom, large garage, brick/block paving to front landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £265,000

DUDLEY

Oriel Close, Milking Bank

NEW



Enviably situated upon FINE CORNER PLOT, a gas centrally heated, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & significantly enhanced, McLean built detached providing entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 17ft lounge with bay, separate dining room (with patio doors), kitchen, laundry, Principal bedroom with many built-in wardrobes & a reapointed shower room en suite, three further bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed bathroom with white suite, garage, extensive corner plot with significant potential. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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109 Cot Lane

NEW



A rare opportunity to purchase a VERY IMPRESSIVE DETACHED BUNGALOW which is superbly located within this much sought after address, enjoying an open/private rear aspect to the BEAUTIFULLY LAND OUT AND ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN, all enhancing the EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PLANNED AND VERY WELL MAINTAINED layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Porch, Large Reception Hall, Generous Lounge, spacious Dining Kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and fitted Bathroom. The bungalow is set well back beyond a LARGE DRIVEWAY with SIDE GARAGE, enclosed side entrance, UTILITY and the DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £239,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

NETHERTON

The Willows

NEW



Prominently positioned in this cul de sac location, being situated on this well regarded development, is this Executive styled well proportioned, Modern 4 bedroomed detached property, ideally suited to the larger family requirements, and is seen to comprise, reception hall, large lounge, guest cloak, dining room, breakfast kitchen, 4 bedrooms, master with dressing area, 2 en suites, family bathroom with jacuzzi, landscaped garden to rear, driveway and lawned area to front, off a private driveway, garage, burglar alarm, rarely available. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £234,995

SEDGLEY

Dudley Road

NEW




(PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED UP TO A £150,000 BUY-IN-PRICE) A SPACIOUS, significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed inter-war detached of character with many fine period features & providing FURTHER POTENTIAL with planning consent for substantial to side & rear. Accommodation includes entrance, imposing reception hall (original woodblock floor), store, elegant lounge with bay, sitting room, rear lobby, kitchen, transverse 24'3" verandah. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (fitted wardrobes to main bedroom), stylish reapointed bathroom with white suite incorporating jacuzzi, large (22'5" garage), extensive, well planted/secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £210,000

KINGSWINFORD

9 Carnforth Close

NEW



An IMMACULATE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a highly sought after location within Briarswood/Briarscroft, close to countryside, offering a GENEROUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Large lounge, full width luxury re fitted kitchen with built in appliances and DINING AREA, LARGE CONSERVATORY, THREE BEDROOMS and REFITTED BATHROOM. The property is set beyond the LONG DRIVEWAY/ front lawn with GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £209,950

LOWER GORNAL

The Alley

NEW



A particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with potential in favoured backwater with panoramic distant views from the rear & within walking distance of country park/mo many amenities. Constructed to a highly individual design circa 1978, the accommodation includes traditional 16ft reception hall, separate toilet, bathroom, principal bedroom 1 with an extensive range of fitted units, 18'4" lounge, breakfast kitchen & a verandah beyond. The first floor presently comprises central landing, double & single bedrooms, but agents believe there is tremendous further potential given traditional roof construction (subject to regulations). Double tandem garage, extensive parking, delightful landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

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Gower Road, Northway

NEW



A gas centrally heated UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached bungalow ideally situated in favoured cul de sac section abutting onto open fields with magnificent PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS beyond. Offering potential, the accommodation includes reception hall, cloak cupboard, boiler cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom, transverse 22'5" lounge/dining room, kitchen. Lengthy garage, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,995

WOODSETTON

Dawlish Road

NEW



An outstanding, exceptionally well presented, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached overlooking open space/woodland. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay, extended 17'4" lounge, sitting room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Symphony Cream' finish wall & base units, numerous integrated appliances & granite work surfaces. Three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed/re-fitted bathroom with shower, garage, extensive parking, garden SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

WOODSETTON

Roper Way, 'The Poplars'

NEW



An EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached in favoured district that has been significantly upgraded in recent years. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, spacious lounge, separate dining room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, extended/refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, garage, neat gardens SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,000

WALL HEATH VILLAGE

42 Claydon Road

NEW



This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME is superbly situated within this extremely sought after location, convenient for the area's highly regarded local schooling and offering a WELL APPOINTED and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, well proportioned lounge, extended and well appointed kitchen, rear porch, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS refitted classic white Heritage bathroom. Set back beyond the front garden, together with LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £179,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

LOWER GORNAL

Ruiton Street

NEW




Presented in exemplary order throughout, a modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in short quiet cul de sac development. Outstanding potential, the accommodation includes reception hall, boiler cupboard & cloak cupboard, two bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & many integrated appliances, elegant lounge & brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, parking, neat, secluded 'low maintenance' rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £176,950

WOODSETTON

Vicarage Road West

NEW



A stylish, significantly EXTENDED & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached family home. The superb accommodation includes: imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, store, study, extended 22'7" 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated appliances & patio doors, utility room. To the first floor are two double & one single bedrooms, reapointed shower room with a white suite, and there is a sizeable second floor loft conversion providing a double bedroom with a bathroom en suite. Professionally landscaped. 'Japanese theme' gardens, block paved parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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A tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached envially located in quiet cul de sac backing onto open fields & with SUPERB OPEN ASPECT. Upgraded accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, superb refitted kitchen with a fine range of cream finish units & GRANITE work surfaces, transverse lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further generous bedrooms BEDROOM TWO WITH FITTED WARDROBES, reapointed bathroom with white suite, garage, lengthy secluded rear garden with southerly aspect, patio, decking with lighting & speakers. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region £159,950**GORNAL WOOD****NEW PRICE****Eaton Crescent**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. RARE OPPORTUNITY! A comparatively spacious, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached envially located in favoured district where properties are so rarely made available. The meticulously maintained accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, sitting room with bay, extended 15'6" lounge, extended 15ft. breakfast kitchen & a separate utility room. Three bedrooms (two with recently fitted 'tulipwood' units), tiled bathroom, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. Significant potential. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**COSELEY****The Paddock**

A most impressive, exceptionally well presented & tremendously improved, modern style, gas centrally heated & vast majority uPVC double glazed link detached family home situated in a quiet cul de sac. In the agents opinion, an internal inspection is vital to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which comprises entrance hall, living room, splendid refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units, CONSERVATORY, utility room, guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, block paved driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £158,950**LOWER GORNAL****Longfellow Road, Straits**

A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) & double glazed semi detached in well regarded neighbourhood with good distant views. Accommodation provides entrance porch, lounge with feature 'living flame' gas fire, transverse dining kitchen (with double glazed patio doors out to the garden), three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000**LOWER GORNAL****Prices Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A delightful, tremendously modernised & enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached cottage presented in exemplary order throughout in quiet 'backwater' within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Outstanding accommodation includes lounge (with living flame feature fireplace), dining room, 13'7" bathroom (separate shower), refitted through kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, vestibule & laundry section. To the first floor are two bedrooms. Extensive block paved parking to front, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**WOODSETTON****Chartwell Close**

This deceptively spacious, significantly improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners. Situated in a quiet cul de sac location, the impressive accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, transverse lounge/dining room with CONSERVATORY addition, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, family/playroom, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**GORNAL WOOD****Oakland Drive**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This well presented, modern style, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in a quiet cul de sac location & is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises transverse lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**DUDLEY****Vanborough Walk, London Heights**

Tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed DETACHED upon wider than average plot at head of cul de sac with excellent distant views. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, 24'3" through living/dining room (possibilities of sub-division), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, transverse brick/uPVC double glazed 17'2" utility room. Three bedrooms (one with a fine range of professionally installed 'beech' effect units, bathroom, GARAGE, extensive secluded side garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £138,950**DUDLEY****Gregory Drive**

Situated in a quiet cul de sac location, this well presented, conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units) semi detached home has been considerably improved/updated by present owners. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, transverse lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, guest w.c., CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, store & a rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950**WORDSLEY****NEW PRICE****1 Aldridge Close**

This MOST DECEPTIVE AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is well placed within the pleasant cul-de-sac, just yards away from beautifully canal-side walks out towards Kiner and beyond and offers an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, ground floor WC, very spacious full-width Lounge, attractively re-appointed Dining Kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and classic white Bathroom. Set back beyond a lawn to the fore, together with DRIVEWAY and enjoying a pleasant patio/landed rear garden which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFRD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £129,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Ivyhouse Lane**

STAMP DUTY PAID. A beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, traditional semi detached that has been comprehensively modernised/ improved & an internal inspection is vital to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, superb refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, splendid refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**KINGSWINFRD****OPEN VIEWING SAT 26TH NOV 11-3pm RE-DECORATED & NEW CARPETS****78 Lingfield Way**

A DECEPTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which has just been RE CARPETED and RE DECORATED and is superbly located within a very popular cul-de-sac setting upon Crestwood Park, which requires updating and has much potential to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS layout which includes: reception hall, large lounge with dining area, kitchen, TWO EXCELLENT BEDROOMS and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which benefits a private aspect. KINGSWINFRD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £124,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Enviously situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room, Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**COSELEY****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

An extremely stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end town house of character that has been tremendously enhanced/improved in recent years carefully retaining/enhancing many period features. Superb accommodation includes: dining room (with original overmantel/open fireplace), store, lounge (with cast wood burning stove), upgraded 18 ft breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units. Two double bedrooms, recently reappointed/refitted bathroom with white suite. Externally there is a through store, and a delightful garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**BRIERLEY HILL****NEW PRICE****High Street**

Presenting a rare opportunity, this High Street shop premises with uPVC double glazed, two bedroomed flat above is sure to appeal to investing buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: ground floor shop premises with storage area and wc, first floor two bedroomed flat with lounge, kitchen, and shower room. This property generates a combined gross annual income of £10,000. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £120,000**DUDLEY****Old Park Road**

An attractive, ENLARGED & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, superb 28'6" through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms & with two bays), extended 16ft kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, parking to front, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950**GORNAL WOOD****Flavells Lane**

A distinctive & highly individual, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted cottage of character with further potential. Enjoying good distant views from the front, the property is set well back from the lane (pedestrian access only) and comprises entrance porch, dining room, central hallway, lounge with patio doors, kitchen, bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, garden designed for 'low maintenance'. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000**SEDGLEY****Hickmerlands Lane**

Pleasantly situated in a quiet cul de sac, this traditional, double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated end townhouse may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility/study, two good bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & a lovely rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950**SEDGLEY****North One Mews, Northway**

A comparatively spacious and well appointed gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed SECOND FLOOR FLAT constructed by renowned local builders, David Payne Homes, circa 2004 and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee. Enjoying PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from both front and rear elevations and set in a well regarded neighbourhood convenient for so many amenities, there is an 'entry phone' style security system and the accommodation includes hall, boiler cupboard, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of beech finish units, integrated oven, hob & extractor, well proportioned lounge, two bedrooms (principal bedroom with fitted wardrobes & shower room en suite), bathroom with white suite, communal landscaped grounds, allocated parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950**SEDGLEY****Springfield Grove**

This traditional, gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established residential location and particularly appealing to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, shower room with white suite, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950**LOWER GORNAL****Brook Street**

A significantly modernised & improved, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character withing walking distance of village & all amenities. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, lounge with feature living flame fireplace, lobby, understairs store, REFITTED breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' units & integrated oven/hob, THREE BEDROOMS, reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with white 'Heritage' suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,750**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Fullwoods End**

A conscientiously maintained, primarily uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached well regarded/convenient neighbourhood with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Comparatively spacious accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom. Outer lobby, store & separate toilet, secluded rear garden & potential garage space (not verified - subject to regulations). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Overs in excess of £99,950**KINGSWINFRD****NEW PRICE****6 Hayley Court, Summer Street**

Exceptionally well placed, just a short walk from the heart of Kingswinford, with its excellent range of shops and amenities, this IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, MODERN GROUND FLOOR FLAT offers a truly exceptional opportunity to acquire a well presented arrangement of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, attractive lounge, dining kitchen, excellent sized bedroom and bathroom with light colour suite. Enjoying the use of TWO ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING SPACES and VERY ATTRACTIVE COMMUNAL GARDENS which require no personal upkeep and are maintained as part of the service/maintenance charge. KINGSWINFRD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £97,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**DUDLEY****Pebworth Grove**

A freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached 'starter home' conveniently situated within reasonable distance of so many amenities & comprising entrance hallway, lounge, transverse kitchen (appliances to remain), two bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, parking to front, delightful well stocked rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,950**COSELEY****Hackett Close**

Tremendously modernised, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC double glazed ground floor flat in superb order set at head of cul de sac within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities. Outstanding accommodation provides reception hall, store, reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, double bedroom (with wardrobe), living/dining room, refitted kitchen with 'light oak' effect units & integrated appliances. Shared gardens, secure store. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Larch Grove

A well presented detached property, entrance porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, study/gym, kitchen/diner, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms & bathroom, driveway, detached garage, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating



Dudley

£221,000



Attingham Drive

A modern detached property, comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, first floor having master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain.

Dudley £199,950



The Broadway

Connells introduce this extended semi detached having five bedrooms, two reception rooms (one having shower room off & one having cloakroom room off), fitted kitchen with dining area, five bedrooms, family bathroom, central heating, double glazing, off road parking for several vehicles, rear garden.

Priory Park £179,950



Aldeney Close

Plot 29. A three bedroom three storey mid terrace property, accommodation comprising cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, first floor having lounge, bedroom three, second floor having master bedroom with en-suite, bedroom two, bathroom. Garage and off road parking. Garden to the rear.

Tipton £164,950



Castle Road

Connells are pleased to introduce this traditional detached extended property having three bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, central heating, double glazing, up-stairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking to the front, garage to the rear.

Dudley £150,000



Cromwell Drive

A well presented detached property, accommodation comprises porch, entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Netherton £139,950



Racemeadow Crescent

A modern Town House, having three bedrooms, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Two ensuites, Family bathroom, Central Heating & Double Glazing. Garage and Off road parking. Gardens to front and rear. No Upward Chain

Gornal Wood £139,950



Summit Place

A well presented detached cottage style property comprising lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs shower room, two bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to front and rear, off road parking, viewing highly recommended, no upward chain, gas central heating and double glazing where specified.

Coseley £135,500



Caddick Street

A renovated semi detached converted from the former Hursthill Tavern, comprises hall, lounge, kitchen, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, outside access to the cellar, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Garage. Must be viewed to appreciate the standard of the accommodation.

Dudley £135,000



Crockett Street

A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garage, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Dudley £134,950



Nigel Road

Semi detached property comprising entrance hall, downstairs shower room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, inner lobby/reception room 2, four bedrooms, master en-suite, bathroom, gardens to front & rear, viewing highly recommended, no upward chain, double glazing & central heating as specified.

Oakham £129,950



Oakham Road

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended

Foxyards £124,950



Melstock Close

Connells introduce this three bedroom semi detached property having extended lounge, fitted kitchen, central heating, double glazing, three bedrooms upstairs, upstairs bathroom, off road parking & garage, rear garden.

Tipton £124,950



Park Lane West

A well presented end terraced bungalow comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking, double glazing and central heating radiator where specified, viewing highly recommended.

Dudley £119,950



Denbigh Close

A modern two bedroom end terrace, accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having master bedroom with en-suite, further bedroom, bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Ideal first time buyer purchase.

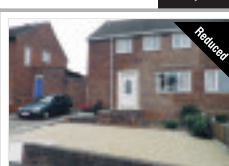
Dudley £110,000



St Marks Road

End terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

Lower Gornal £99,950



Park Road

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, lounge, refitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified. Viewing highly recommended.

Dudley £99,950



St Marks Road

A modern three bedroom terrace property comprising one reception room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing where specified, front and rear gardens, off road parking to the front, alarmed.

Netherton £90,000



Saltwells Road

A mid terrace property, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the front and rear, part double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Dudley £89,950



Kingswinford Road

A traditional semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, garage. No Upward Chain. Ideal Investment Property. Viewing highly recommended.

Dudley £85,000



Attingham Drive

50% SHARED OWNERSHIP. A mid terrace property with accommodation comprising hall-way, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Allocated parking space. NHBC guarantee. No Upward Chain.

Tipton £85,000



Wordsworth Close

A two bedroom end terrace, accommodation comprises entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the front and side, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Dudley £65,000



Occupation Street

A traditional end terrace property, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor having two bedrooms, garden to the rear. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

Dudley £62,500



Attingham Drive

50% Shared Ownership. A modern mid terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, w.c., first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, heating to radiator. Allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended

Tipton £57,500



Ivy Road

A three bedroom end of terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

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COSELEY PICKRELL ROAD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A luxuriously appointed 4 bed semi. ★ Extended & enhanced throughout ★ 23' living room, separate dining room ★ Extended kitchen ★ Four double bedrooms ★ En-suite to master, modern bathroom ★ Garage & turning driveway OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £172,500	WOODSETTON, DUDLEY ROSEMARY CRESCENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Traditional semi, two bedrooms & dressing room, easy conversion back to three bedrooms. ★ Lounge/dining room ★ Extended kitchen ★ Side lobby ★ Bathroom with separate shower cubicle ★ Gas central heating ★ Double glazing ★ Driveway parking OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £122,500	DUDLEY DENBEIGH CLOSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Stylish & Modern semi-detached ★ Generous sized lounge ★ dining kitchen ★ Two good size bedrooms ★ En-suite off master ★ Upvc double glazed throughout. ★ Gas central heating ★ Off road parking ★ Viewing highly recommended OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950	SEDGLEY BIRCH ROAD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A splendid traditional semi-detached ★ Two reception rooms ★ Kitchen ★ utility ★ Cloakroom ★ Three excellent sized bedrooms ★ Modern shower room, fitted units ★ Gas central heating ★ Upvc d glazing (majority) ★ Driveway parking OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,500	WOODCROSS, COSELEY MILLER CRESCENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ An excellent sized traditional semi ★ Two reception rooms ★ Breakfast Kitchen ★ Downstairs wc ★ Store/potential utility ★ Three good sized bedrooms ★ Gas central heating ★ Majority double glazing ★ Pleasant rear gardens ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £105,000	COSELEY HIGH VIEW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ An ideal first time purchase ★ A modern style semi-detached ★ Lounge and dining kitchen ★ Two bedrooms ★ Modern bathroom ★ Upvc dg ★ Gas central heating ★ Driveway parking ★ No upward chain OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £97,500

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£450 PCM**DUDLEY**
Aldeney Close

A modern ground floor apartment on this new development close to Dudley Town Centre. Accommodation comprising one bedroom, open plan lounge/ fitted kitchen, house shower room/WC. Viewing highly recommended, available now. Allocated parking available. No Dss

£460 PCM**DUDLEY**
Southgate Way

A modern two bed apartment with electric storage heating and double glazing near Dudley town centre. Open plan kitchen/dining/living area, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Allocated parking with a car park pass, unfurnished, available now for viewing.

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Wolverhampton Street

A large two bedroom 1st floor Apartment. Lounge with two large double bedrooms. Modern fitted kitchen with built in appliances. WC/Shower room. Available now to view. Access to shared roof terrace. No Dss. No pets

£495 PCM**TIPTON**
DARBYS WAY

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£495 PCM**DUDLEY**
Perkins Close

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Bunns Lane

A three bed semi detached house which has recently been renovated. Having a lounge, good sized dining kitchen (inc fridge and freezer), downstairs WC and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Outside has off-road parking to the front, access to the rear and garden. Unfurnished, No DSS.

£525 PCM**TIPTON**
Brindlefields Way

A two bedroom end terrace house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, garden to rear, driveway to front and a garage opposite, with a 'canal view' to rear. No DSS, available now.

£525 PCM**ETTINGSALL**
George Street

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£525 PCM**PENSNETT**
Bell Street

A spacious three bed end terrace house in a cul-de-sac location with off road parking. Large through lounge, large dining kitchen, conservatory to rear. Upstairs has three double bedrooms (master with en-suite shower/WC), separate house bathroom. Unfurnished, garden to rear, off road parking. Near Russells Hall Hospital.

£545 PCM**DUDLEY**
Green Road

Three bedroom semi detached house with drive & garage. Has two reception rooms. Kitchen. Bedrooms and bathroom on the 1st floor. Central heating & double glazing. Large enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished & available now. Dss considered with guarantor. No pets.

£550 PCM**DUDLEY**
Hawkesley Road

A 3 bed semi-detached house in a cul-de-sac location, fitted dining kitchen, lounge, upstairs has a modern bathroom. Off road parking to the front, patio and pleasant garden to the rear with a garden shed. Unfurnished. Dss considered with guarantor

£550 PCM**DUDLEY**
Highfield Road

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£550 PCM**Dudley**
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37 SPRINGFIELD ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON
Spacious semi needing modernisation, 2 reception, 3 bed.
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137 SPRINGFIELD ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON
Well presented 3 bed terraced, 2 reception, recently fitted kitchen.
Guide: \$70,000/\$75,000
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203 NEWHAMPTON ROAD WEST, WOLVERHAMPTON
Some upgrading needed. Spacious 3 bed Victorian terraced in convenient location.
Guide: \$73,000/\$78,000
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84 GATIS STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON
Modern detached, good location, 2/3 bed, gas central heating.
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HOSPITAL LANE, WEST COSELEY
Plot of land
R/O 59B & 59C Mason Street
approx 460 sq yds with road frontage.
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65 ROWAN CRESCENT, BRADMORE, WOLVERHAMPTON
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207 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, DUDLEY
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Golf's Blue Motion way ahead at green awards

VOLKSWAGEN'S Golf 1.6 TDI BlueMotion has been voted the overall winner in the first of a new set of awards for cars that mix modest thirst with the ability to entertain their drivers.

The Green Apple Awards were presented

at the House of Commons. They are organised by Midlands-based The Green Organisation and were judged by members of the Midlands Group of Motoring Writers.

Midland Group chairman Ian Donaldson said: "When The Green Organisation asked us for our current green champions we wanted to go further than some other awards and look beyond the official figures and rank our favourites in the real world."

account how they performed in our hands.

"We also pointed out to our voting members: 'As keen drivers, we rate cars on more than simple on-paper figures. Some cars can be both economical and good to drive. We'd like your decision to reflect that too.'"

The eco-friendly Golf polled many more votes than any other car.

And a worthy winner it is too, with one judge commenting that he recorded 82mpg on one leisurely motorway trip and 57mpg on the way home, going as quickly as prudence allowed.

Amazing

He also loved the way the Golf is classy but classless.

Another judge said: "It's a Golf with a definite conscience," while a third thought: "It really does work. Out of all the cars here, the Golf BlueMotion is the most impressive all rounder and returns amazing economy figures in practice - while also remaining exceedingly practical and good to drive."

The awards were handed over by Chris Hopkins, founder and managing director of Ploughcroft.

The firm is on course to become

Britain's biggest solar panel installer after a successful appearance on The Dragons' Den, where two of the Dragons bought into his ideas for expansion.

MGMW Green Apple Awards

Small family cars

The winner is the Nissan Leaf, which went on sale in the UK early this year and is perhaps the first all-electric vehicle to enjoy mainstream motoring status.

One Midland Group judge chose the Leaf "because... the way things stand at present, it's the way forward, and ticks pretty well all the boxes".

A fellow judge added: "It may have limited range and cost a lot to buy but a short drive will convince anyone this could be the way ahead for urban family motoring."

Larger family cars

BMW's amazingly economical 320d had enough honourable mentions to make it into second place, with one judge commenting on the car that it's "Eco when you want it, with plenty of power if needs be".

But there was only one winner, with a massive percentage of votes. That car was the Volkswagen Golf 1.6 TDI BlueMotion.

Smaller SUVs and 4x4s

(CO2 below 150 grammes)

The Midland Group members wanted to show that not all SUVs or off-roaders need to be gas guzzlers.

Indeed, more and more, they are simply

great cars to drive without giving owners a bad conscience.

The winner is the Skoda Yeti E 2.0 TDI CR. Our judges commented: "You get a lot of car for the money, and this is actually that rare beast - an SUV with luggage space" and, from another judge "I've chosen it because... it does everything you need a car to do. And I want one..."

Coupes and Cabriolets

The comfortable winner is the Fiat 500C TwinAir. One judge said: "It's the most fun to drive of this lot. Rev it to hell and it's like driving your old Morris Minor."

"Be gentle and you can hit 70-plus mpg with ease and be close to 60 in everyday use. Sounds brilliant as well."

Luxury cars

The Midland Group's final category looks at the sort of car lots of us would drive if we could afford one.

And when we win the Lottery, it's good to know there are now many luxury cars on sale which use clever engineering to minimise their impact on the planet.

There was no doubting the winner, in the home grown shape of the Jaguar XJ 3.0D Luxury.

One judge stated: "I've chosen it because if you want an unbeatable combination of style, substance, luxury and great whole life green credentials the Jaguar just cannot be beaten."


By Sharon Walters

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He opened the scoring early on, after Tom Bulteel dribbled his way through the Droitwich defence, to find Woodall for an easy finish.

Bulteel got his name on the score sheet soon after, when a thrilling passing move with Marc Herickx split the defence open and left the two strikers with an easy pass around the keeper. Bulteel had no problems slotting the ball into an empty net, giving Hales a 2-0 lead.

Old Halesonians dominated and with the home side pinned in, the visitors struck again before half time when Woodall got his second.

An inch perfect through ball from Mark Curzon found the sliding Woodall at the back post and he directed the ball into the goal.

The Hales side continued their domination into the second half. Graham Knight found the net when Herickx picked out his fellow striker, who fired

home past a helpless Droitwich keeper. At 4-0, the game was all but over and Hales were able to find a fifth goal when man of the match Woodall completed his hat-trick in fine style, with another sliding goal at the back post, with the assist from Bulteel.

WOLVERHAMPTON 0 OHHC 1ST XI 3 (ENGLAND HOCKEY MEN'S TROPHY ROUND 3)

The 1sts beat a weakened Wolverhampton side on Sunday, to put themselves into round four.

Hales dominated their second fixture of the weekend, with Wolverhampton struggling to find a way past the visitors' defence.

Goals from Tom Bulteel and Paul Woodall saw Old Hales 2-0 up at half time.

Bulteel claimed another in the second half before Wolverhampton's only chance, a reverse stick shot, was palmed away with ease by goalkeeper Steve Charlton.

Another clean sheet came with ease.

OHHC 2ND XI 3 KHALSA 2

The 2nds XI returned to action this week with a 3-2 victory over Khalsa. Hales, who were without captain Steve Charlton, fought hard in a gritty but determined performance to earn themselves a much deserved victory. The



Hat-trick hero Paul Woodall, whose goals set up the 1sts' 5-0 victory

game started with several Khalsa players missing. Old Hales quickly took advantage of this, capitalising on their possession with a well-worked goal within a minute of the push back.

Ash Greaves drove down the right hand side of the D, then played in Nick Truelove, who slotted it passed a dazzled Khalsa goalkeeper.

Khalsa drew level with a successful penalty flick conversion awarded after the visitors forward was impeded after trying to shoot at goal. After a rousing

second half team, the home side attacked quickly again with Tom Bolton putting in the leg work out wide.

His pass found Nathan Kelly, who composed himself before, finding True-love to bag his second.

During a tough tackling part of the game Old Hales' Jake Brooke got shown yellow after a physical challenge.

The away side benefited from Hales being a man down to draw level.

But with less than two minutes remaining, the Khalsa defence crum-

bled as Kelly's pass found Greaves, who buried the ball into the goal.

BRIDGNORTH 2 OHHC 3RD XI 0

Bridgnorth beat a weakened Hales side, who struggled due to availability problems.

OHHC 4TH XI 4 BARFORD TIGERS 2

The 10 men of Old Hales surprisingly dominated this game which saw goals from Chris Jones, Darren Rose, Craig Bray and Paul Robinson.

STRATFORD 1 OHHC 5TH XI 2

The 10 young men of Old Halesonians beat an experienced Stratford side. With only one player over the age of 18, Hales easily saw off Stratford.

After a goalless first half Old Hales got the goal they deserved when Mike Link found Josh Thomas in the D. He calmly flicked the ball into the net, giving him his sixth goal in as many games.

A penalty corner saw Hales double their lead, after a scrappy routine saw the ball fall to Ash Underhill, who found the goal.

Stratford finally started to test the Old Hales' excellent defence, and they got a goal back off a penalty corner.

Other Results:

OHHC Badgers 2-0 Bournville

Ludlow 3-0 OHHC Ladies

Heathens delighted to host top race meeting

Dudley Heathens will stage one of the biggest meetings on the domestic calendar next season.

The former Cradley club have been handed the 2012 British Under-21 Final which they will host on Saturday and there are Spingway Promoters' Association at their temporary Wolverhampton home.

Club bosses applied for the meeting at the sport's annual meeting last weekend and they were picked as hosts ahead of several other clubs.

Proud club chairman Nigel Pearson said: "We are naturally thrilled with this news."

"The main reason behind us getting this national event is the level of support enjoyed by the club."

"It is also recognition of the thoroughly professional way we try and do things, the way we promote the club throughout the area and continue to spread the good news message."

Potential

"We have slowly but surely gained respect in the corridors of power in British Speedway."

"We haven't just turned out to be a one-season wonder, we are already preparing for our third season and there are things happening behind the scenes with a view to a new stadium."

"Once again this just underlines to the people of Dudley, Cradley and surrounding areas what potential there is for this club to go a step forward if and when a new stadium comes about."

Pearson will be alongside co-promoter Gary Patchett and team boss Will Pottinger at the club's winter talk-in this Friday when the first member of the 2012 team will be announced.

The event takes place at the club's Cradley Heath Liberal Club base from 8pm and admission is £2 on the door.

Season tickets will also be on sale at the discounted rate before December 31 of £110 adults, £70 concessions and children just £25.

Another signing is also expected to be unveiled at the Liberal Club when HSSC and Heathens hold their joint Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10.

Wrestling group put on show

A wrestling group based in Lower Gornal will be presenting a knock-out show for their 100th event this weekend.

Sixteen members of Future Championship Wrestling (FCW) based at Baggeridge Welfare Centre, The Straits, will take to the ring on Sunday.

The group were set up in 2003 and are the longest-running monthly group in more than 25 years of British wrestling.

Sunday will also see Lee Hunter of Lower Gornal, compete to get his first FCW heavyweight title.

Tickets for the family show are £5 on the door, which opens at 7pm. Members are also working towards a memorial show next February in honour of wrestling trainer Keith Massey, who died after a heart attack in September.

Visit www.midlandswrestling.com for more information.

Blaydon race away to victory

STOURBRIDGE SAXONS 9 BLAYDON 29

A well-organised defensive effort, and some clinical finishing, steered Blaydon to a first ever win at Stourton Park.

Although Stourbridge combined a solid set-piece display with a number of threatening bursts from three quarters Ben Barkley and Nathan Bressington, they also made far too many basic errors.

This meant Blaydon, who like the Saxons are at the wrong end of National One, secured an unlikely bonus point win.

Neil Mitchell's team visit another struggling club, Barking, next week, and with a difficult December programme looming large, this clash now assumes epic proportions.

The visitors opened the scoring in the 10th minute when centre Charlie Inledon cut a smart line from a Hall Charlton offload, and quick hands put giant wing Dave Sheldon in the corner.

Two penalties from home fly-half Mark Woodrow were matched by one from Blaydon's Andrew Baggett, before the visitors took control with a rapid 14 point burst.

After visiting No 8 Gavin Jones was the grateful beneficiary of a poorly executed Saxons' defensive lineout, centre David Clark barged through some weak tackling to dot down under the posts.

Attacking

Although Woodrow's third successful penalty reduced the interval arrears to 13 points, Blaydon controlled the opening 10 minutes of the second period, to thwart the Saxons hopes of kick-starting a revival.

Tom Richardson and Nathan Bressington combined on the hour mark to create Stour's best attacking move of the game.

The England Counties scrum half burst 50 metres from his own line, before finding the former Moseley flyer, whose chip and chase was only foiled by some desperate defence.

Stourbridge now had a foothold in the visitors' 22, and following a series of illegally-repelled driving lineouts, the visitors lost replacement lock Keith Laughlin to the sin bin.

A prolonged period of forward pressure looked certain to produce a home try, but Blaydon picked off a loose pass, to launch a flowing move that ended with replacement centre Tom Catterick clinching the bonus point with a fine converted score.

Stourbridge Saxons: Hearn; N.Bressington, Dipple, Barkley (Reekes, 75), A.Bressington, Woodrow (Robinson, 55), Richardson, Sturdy (Lawrence, 49), Wordley, Hill, Hughes, Hurrell, Garner, Rodley (Rovira, 49), Thomas (Page, 55).

Blaydon: Embleton; Sheldon, Clark, Inledon (Catterick, 55), Painter; Baggett, Charlton (Bell, 56); Kalbraier (Fearn, 40), Hall (Young, 39), Ward (Kalbraier, 57); Wearmouth, Vinicombe (Laughlin, 44); Watchorn; Smithson, Jones.

Man of the Match: David Clark (Blaydon) Saxons' Star Man: Nathan Bressington

Lions take their share

KEWFORD EAGLES GIRLS 2 SEDGLEY WHITE LIONS GIRLS 4

Kewford took the lead after 10 minutes with a fine goal, but Sedgley soon levelled things up thanks to a strike from Bethany Male. Willow Barton then gave the visitors the lead with a good finish before Male added a third for Sedgley. After the break Kewford created several chances and pulled a goal back, making it a nervy final few minutes. But Sedgley secured the points when Jess Thompson made it 4-2 in the dying stages of the match.

Knight shines as DK back from slow start

NEWPORT 18 DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD 27

DK were deservedly 13-7 behind at half time in the gloom at Newport's Old Showground, but hit back strongly to overwhelm their hosts with a three try salvo in the second half.

That effectively sank Newport, whose only riposte was a last minute consolation try.

It was flanker Pete Knight, who had been out of the side for three weeks with concussion, who made the difference.

He came on after half time and forced trademark turnovers to wrest the initiative from Newport after a spluttering first half performance from the visitors.

A disappointing feature of the first half was DK's continuing lineup failures that cost them dearly in terms of possession. Fair to say, the second half was a vast improvement and aided DK's gradual control of the game.

Newport have had a pretty average season to date but they do have an excellent back row, their No 8 Vernon Fredericks was arguably the best player on the field.

DK's front five again totally dominated the set scrums with their dynamic young front row of Al Francis, Luke Greenwood/James Parkes and Stefan Thorp outstanding on the day.

But the feisty Newport eight matched them man for man in the loose for long periods.

DK fielded an unchanged team from the side that beat Malvern. James Parkes, Pete Knight and Robbie Jones were on the bench. Pete Knight was deemed DK Supporters Man of the Match.

Danger

His extraordinary talent for securing turnover ball or forcing penalties turned the game for DK in the second half. Al Francis also had a tremendous game in both set and loose play.

While the half backs had a relatively quiet game; Stefan Shillingford and Tom Weaver had busy games in the centre with Shilly scoring a fine individual try early in the second half. Duncan Chance also scored a try and his pace spelled danger for Newport every time he touched the ball.

In front of a large and expectant crowd, Newport began strongly and set up a series of attacks.

Fly half Chris Perry putting them 3-0 ahead with a sixth minute penalty. DK were not helped by their shoddy lineout and regularly lost possession on their own throw early on. The set scrums were a different matter however, and Newport were shunted back at will by the DK eight, who ominously built up the pressure on the home pack.

With DK dominant up front and Newport scrapping like tigers in the loose, a stalemate developed for a while, but after 28 minutes DK again shoved Newport off their scrum, regained possession and flung it wide on the overlap to Duncan Chance who outpaced his man to score wide out. Simon Fletcher converted for DK to take a 3-7 lead.

Newport replied with a fine individual try from their talisman Fredericks, who picked the ball up in midfield on 32 minutes, beat a couple of defenders from a standing start then changed direction to outpace the rest of the DK cover for an tremendous try in the corner.

Dissent

Chris Perry's fine conversion from touch saw Newport regain the lead 10-7.

Then DK's frustration with the referee, whom they felt was failing to police some key areas, boiled over and Chris Perry kicked a penalty from near halfway to increase the Newport lead to 13-7 after 38 minutes as the visitors were penalised for dissent.

Shillingford brightened DK's outlook almost immediately into the second half with a smartly taken individual try after 44 minutes.

Intercepting a loose Newport pass near halfway, he hoisted a kick towards goal and sprinted on to take the ball first bounce and dive over for a very classy try converted by Fletcher making it 13-14 to DK.

This crucial score had an unsettling effect on the home side and DK turned up the heat to forge further ahead after 51 minutes when Shaun Griffiths was driven over the line following a penalty catch and



DK right wing Duncan Chance steps inside his man to score DK's opening try



Big second row Shaun Griffiths is over for DK's second try



DK scrum half Jordan Brookes is sandwiched!



You're going nowhere . . . Matt Farrington is brought down



DK skipper Ollie Shakespear secures the lineout

drive from a lineout five metres out for an unconverted try to make it 13-19 to DK.

The visitors were well on top and a penalty on the hour mark from Fletcher increased the lead to 13-22. DK were firmly in charge and a bonus point fourth try arrived after 67 minutes. A strong DK attack in mid-field saw the ball spun out to Weaver with a two man overlap. He must have had a sudden rush of blood to the head and stepped inside only to be collared!

Mortified, he just managed to squeeze the ball back to Jon Higgins who calmly sent in Matt Farrington at the corner for an unconverted try to make it 13-27.

Facing a 14 point deficit with just more than 10 minutes left, some sides might have folded but the last few minutes belonged to Newport, who threw

everything at DK. The visitors defended superbly but Jon Higgins was sinbinned in the last minute and Newport's full back Liam Holder scrambled over the line for an unconverted consolation try in stoppage time to make the final score 18-27 to DK.

Dudley Kingswinford: 15 Simon Fletcher, 14 Duncan Chance, 13 Tom Weaver, 12 Stefan Shillingford, 11 Matt Farrington, 10 Jon Higgins, 9 Jordan Brookes, 1 Al Francis, 2 Luke Greenwood, 3 Stefan Thorp, 4 Shaun Griffiths, 5 Ollie Shakespear (capt), 6 Ian Langford, 7 Jon Tideswell, 8 Tom Bissell, 9 Rees, 16 James Parkes, 17 Pete Knight, 18 Robbie Jones.

DK Supporters Man of the Match - Pete Knight
The next fixture is at home on Saturday, December 3 against Rugby Lions. Kick off 2pm.

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INJURY-HIT ROBINS CRASH TO GROUND

SHIFNAL TOWN 8 (3) DUDLEY TOWN 0 (0)

Dudley Town's threadbare squad eventually gave way with horrific consequences as Shifnal Town, who the previous Wednesday night had been downed 4-0 at lowly Bustleholme, romped to a 8-0 victory at Phoenix Park. The day from hell for the Robins was made even more sour with four goals coming from former Town midfielder Liam Bood.

Manager Andy Burgess had his hands tied coming into the game with midfielders Ben Stretton and Todd Warner serving suspensions, adding more pressure on a side devoid of regulars Anthony Cox, Nikki Faux and Adam Cross. Worse was to follow for Dudley's followers when news of goalkeeper Jay Trevalen, who had been so crucial in the Robins fine run of three clean sheets in the past four games having been recalled by Midland Alliance outfit Tividale. Such were Dudley's selection problems Burgess had once again had to field a half-fit Dreniz Bala who is still recovering from a hamstring injury sustained last month at Bustleholme.

Bala's blasts seal victory for depleted Town

DUDLEY TOWN 2 MALVERN TOWN 0

Dudley Town's good form of just one league defeat in eight games continued last Wednesday as their fully-stretched side put in a solid display to earn a well-deserved 2-0 victory over Malvern Town.

The Robins were only able to name four substitutes as their bad run of luck with injuries and suspensions continued.

Todd Warner and Ben Stretton missed out along with Adam Cross and the in-form Rion Francis-Mills.

There was some better news, however, for Andy Burgess with Richard Langford returning to fitness following a leg injury sustained against Bewdley Town.

Forward Dreniz Bala played through the pain barrier in place of the unavailable new signing Geoff Hill.

From the off it appeared that Malvern would make a larger mark on the game than they did and should have been ahead in the opening couple of minutes.

A slicing cross from Bryan Clavon evaded the Dudley back line as well as the oncoming Oliver Endacott as the home side breathed a sigh of relief.

The Robins should have scored when a neat pass from Anthony Cox found Bala in the box only for last season's top scorer to screw the ball wide from close range.

But he made amends, and in fine fashion.

Catching onto a loose ball in the box he powered the ball past Ian Hill in the 16th minute.

Four minutes later he made it 2-0 when after some

fine footwork in the box he slid the ball under the despairing Hill.

The Robins began to dominate and were unfortunate not to be further ahead just after the half hour mark when Richard Langford could only head a Danny Ludlow corner wide.

He could have opened his goal scoring account for The Robins with a low dipping cross that just went over Hill's bar.

With Dudley well in control they felt they should have been awarded a penalty with just a minute remaining before half-time when Langford appeared to have been tripped in the box.

In many ways the second half petered out to be a non-entity as Dudley's commanding backline, bossed by 'keeper Jay Trevalen snuffed out any threat posed by the Malvern forwards.

Chances

There was a slip though that could have been costly, when Ludlow lost possession on the edge of the box.

Lee Hodges appeared to have found the net when Trevalen was beaten only for Ludlow to redeem himself and clear off the line.

The game though was effectively over for Malvern when Bryan Clavon saw red for dissent with 20 minutes remaining as Dudley had the better chances of extending their lead with Cox, Ludlow and new signing Kieron Snead all coming close.

This was yet another impressive win for The Robins as their good form continues and was more importantly their third clean sheet in four games but that was before Shifnal.

Things looked ominous from the start when lively Shifnal forward Andy Thompson flashed a shot across the face of Luke Cunningham's goal in the 10th minute.

It was a fortunate moment that led to Shifnal taking the lead. A through ball from Alex Perry caught Bala on the heel and slewed itself back into danger.

David Howell created space for Bood to slash home his first goal of the afternoon on 14 minutes. Six minutes later, a slip from Steve Edmunds allowed Thompson to beat Cunningham from close range.

It was a torrid day for the young goalie and this was made worse when the former Rushall Olympic shot-stopper was judged to have felled Thompson in the box.

Bood converted the penalty to make it 3-0 with only 29 minutes played.

The visitors attempted to edge themselves back into the game with Danny Ludlow showing a rare spark of Robins' creativity. Coming close himself just moments earlier, he created a delightful low cross that was missed by the Robins' attack two minutes shy of the break.

The game though was as good as over when Thompson made it 4-0. The striker cutting in to the near post to tuck home a pass from the impressive Shifnal midfielder Howells.

Worse

Andy Burgess had his last roll of the dice as his side looked to add some respectability to the scoreline. He gave Geoff Hill his first appearance since returning to the club.

There were a few sparks of promise when he forced a save from David Maguire on 64 minutes and then Ludlow made Maguire work with a swirling free-kick, but for Dudley that was that.

Bood, who made seven appearances for Dudley, was keen to punish his former employers. Stealing in, he dinked the ball over Cunningham for his hat-trick and his side's fifth on 67 minutes.

Surely it could not get much worse for Dudley, but it did when Shifnal manager Matt Flanagan released out-of-form Chris Henry.

Picking up the ball on the edge of centre circle, the Shifnal front line launched forward as a Dudley defence that had seemed so solid recently, appeared as helpless as rabbits caught in headlights.

It was inevitable that Henry should capped off the move with a fine finish to make it six on 70 minutes. The move was repeated seconds later as Henry again scored, making it seven.

It was perfect irony when Bood made it eight with a header with just four minutes to spare as Dudley's worst performance of the season came to a thankful end.

He said: "For me to make this weight and stay strong, everything has to be right. You can win a fight before you even get onto the scales and I have learned by experience. I am 25 now, I am at my peak and this is the best time for something like this to happen. I have been a pro since I was 19 and I was a street fighter then, who had only had seven amateur bouts."

Challenger crowned champion after the ref stops title fight



Defeated Sean McKervey looks on as Jason Welborn celebrates his title win

Dudley's Jason Welborn believes he won the fight before it even started after taking the Midlands welterweight title from Sean McKervey.

Challenger Welborn put down Coventry's McKervey twice in the third round at Walsall Town Hall before referee Shaun Messer waved the champion off, one minute and 26 seconds into the session.

A left uppercut to McKervey's cheek spun him around before he hit the canvas for the first knockdown.

Dudley's Messer let him answer the count before allowing him to continue on Friday night.

McKervey immediately came back under fire and Welborn launched a stiff right that dropped him a second time.

Again, McKervey was up but on unsteady legs. The fight was stopped and Welborn was declared the new Midlands champion.

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In the rest of the three-fight show, Walsall's Martin Gethin made his return after 19 months out with a back injury with a six-round points defeat of Poland's Ark Malek.

The former two-time English lightweight champion took Messer's 60-54 points call.

In the opening bout, Dudley's Zak The Ripper - real name Saquib Amir - banished the memory of his first professional defeat by picking up his second win.

He outpointed Mansfield-based Latvian Pavels Senkovs 40-36 over four rounds, a month after losing a six-rounder to Dan Naylor at the same venue.

Bowed

Dudley's Danial Hussain overcame a qualifying hurdle to join three West Midlands fighters in the quarter-finals of the ABA Novice national championships.

Hussain beat Doncaster Plant ABC's Sonnet Duhrie 12-7 on points at the Worley Hotel in Scunthorpe on Sunday.

But Andrew Robinson, from the Lions ABC in Dudley, bowed out after succumbing 19-17 to York ABC's Paul Gordon.

Priory Park's Vakar Hussain and Josh Aston - cousin of pro Ryan - both progressed thanks to byes, as did Wednesbury ABC's Dale Doody.

Athletic into next round of cup with ease

BOSTON TOWN 0 GORNAL ATHLETIC 3

Athletic eased through to the third round of the FA Vase with a comfortable victory. Gornal immediately had their hosts on the back foot and went ahead on five minutes.

A powerful header forward from Robin Keates put Marvin Nisbett clear and he calmly placed the ball past Craig Wright into the bottom corner.

The home side tried to get back into the game but on 20 minutes Gornal had a chance to increase their lead.

A short free-kick from Richard Young found Matt Weyman and his deep cross was met at the far post by Kristian Green, whose shot was well saved by the keeper.

On 30 minutes the Boston players appealed for a penalty when a Dan Matson shot hit Chris Waterhouse on the arm but the referee waved play on.

Nisbett had another chance on the hour mark but his shot lacked enough power to trouble Wright. With the home side getting more frustrated, Gornal doubled their lead on 75 minutes.

A short free-kick from Lee Wherton was crossed by Richard Young from the right and Mike Perks took one touch in a crowded penalty area before beating the keeper.

Five minutes later the game was over when a free-kick on the edge of the area was played square by Wherton to Young and his low shot was helped over the line by the Boston keeper.

Tulips wilt as pressure rises

SPALDING 0 TIVIDALE 3

A long 220-mile round trip failed to knock Tividale out of their stride as they cruised to an FA Vase second-round success against the United Counties League Premier side.

In just the second minute Spalding's Ryan O'Loughlin shot straight at Tividale keeper Tim Beech when clean through. Two minutes later Spalding keeper Nick Conroy had to stop a similar effort from Tividale's Adam Wattley.

In the 12th minute local favourite Greg Smith won a corner which Tividale failed to clear and the ball fell to his strike partner Simon Mowbray, who fired wide.

This was to be Spalding's last attempt of the half as Tividale then took control. In the 21st minute a deep Kyle Hill corner found Wattley and he headed the ball back across goal for Matt Jukes to hook home from six yards.

The remainder of the half was one-way traffic as rampant Tividale team ripped through the Tulips at will, although they could not add to the advantage.

They were almost made to pay for missed chances in the 34th minute when Spalding fashioned their best opportunity of the game. Troy Fadden raced onto a ball that had split the Tividale defence and fired past the onrushing Beech but his effort hit the base of the post and rebounded out to Kyle Hill on the edge of the Tividale box.

Hill then ran the length of the pitch and sent in a low cross for Chris Russell nipped in front of his marker to double the lead.

The second half started with Spalding pressing but unable to break through a resolute Tividale defence. As the half wore on it was only a matter of time before Tividale added to their score and in the 75th minute Adam Hill outwitted his marker and smashed the ball into the corner.

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